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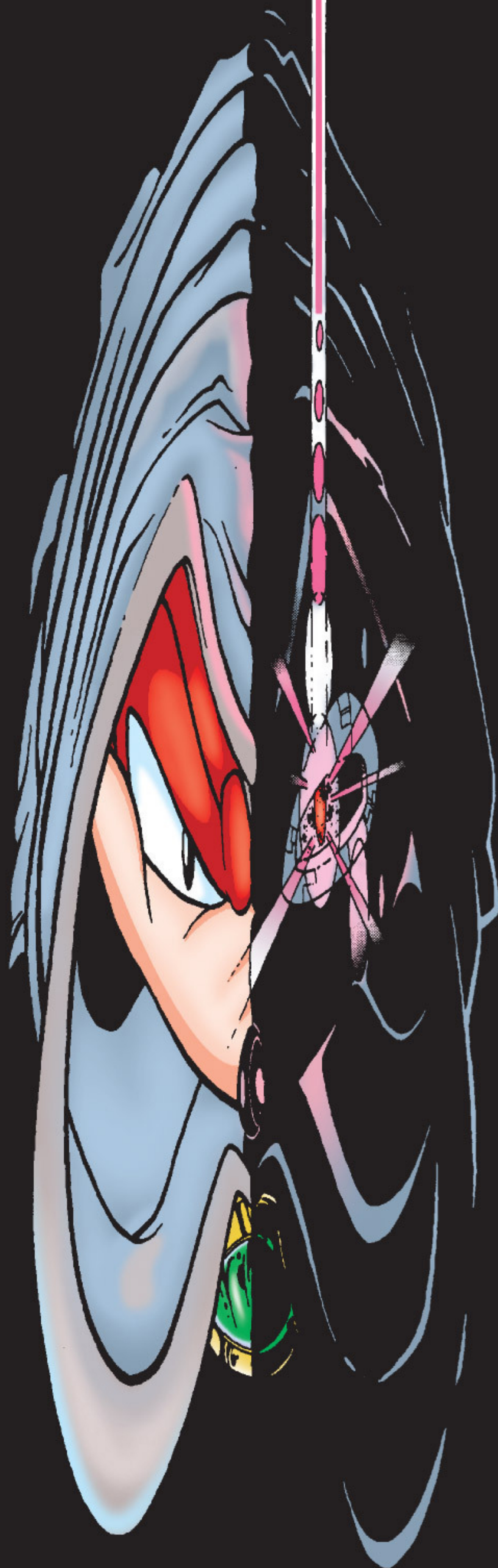
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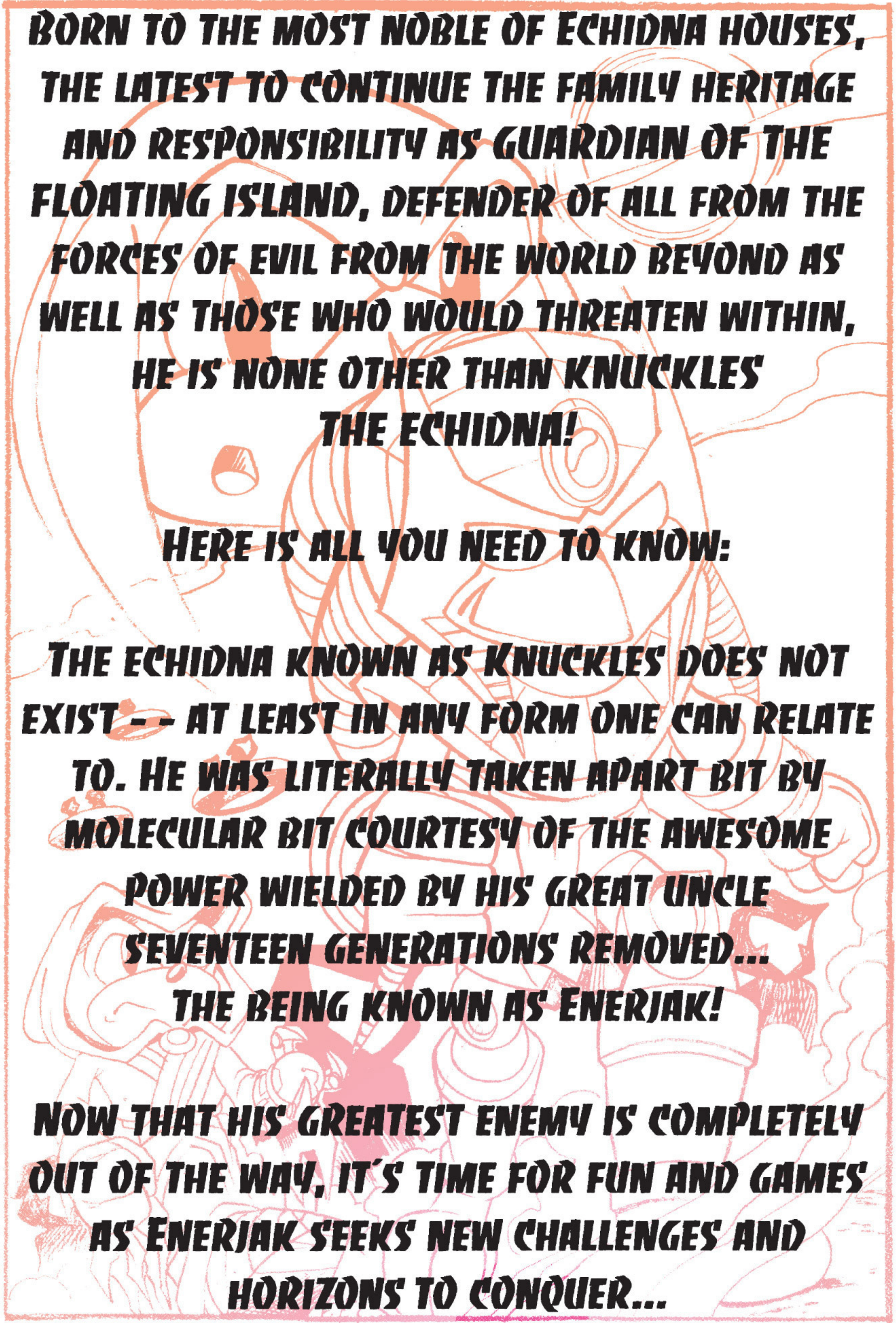
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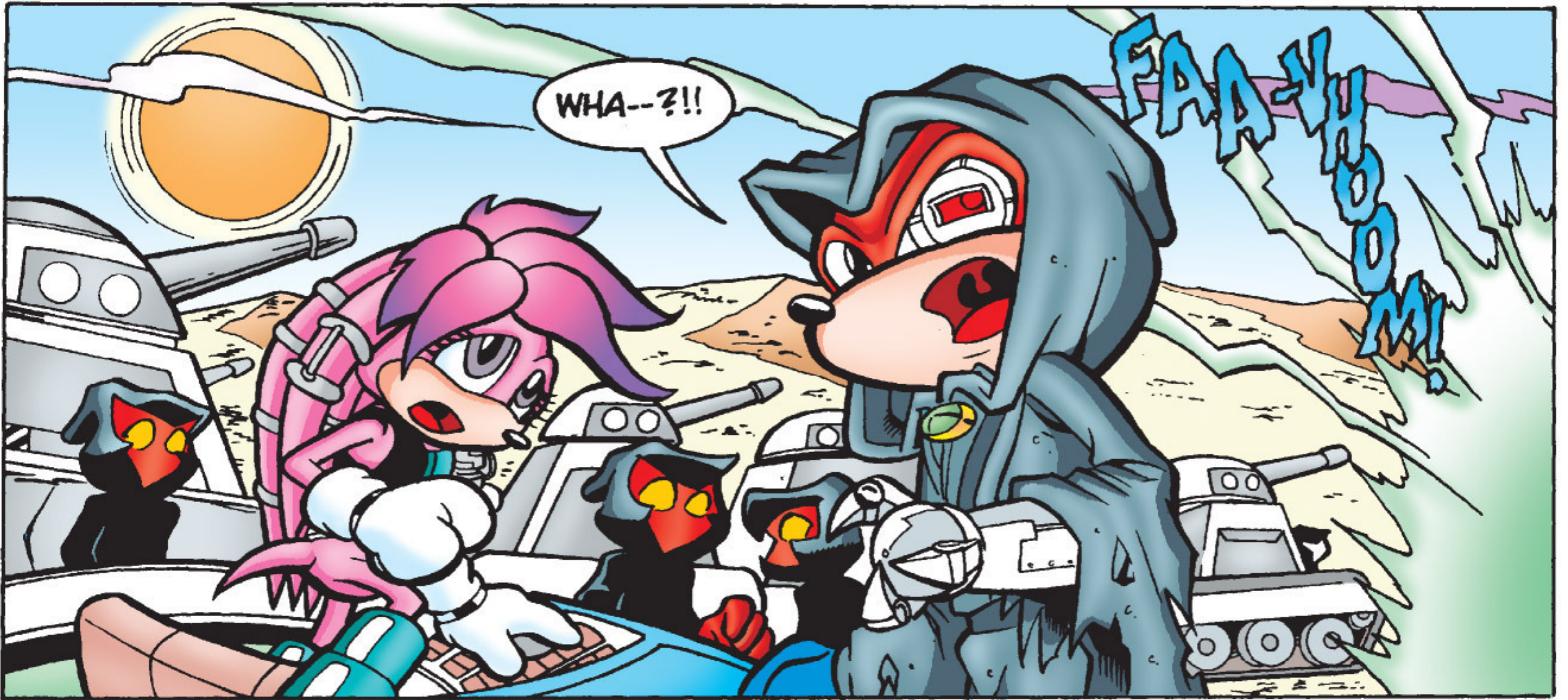
**BORN TO THE MOST NOBLE OF ECHIDNA HOUSES,  
THE LATEST TO CONTINUE THE FAMILY HERITAGE  
AND RESPONSIBILITY AS GUARDIAN OF THE  
FLOATING ISLAND, DEFENDER OF ALL FROM THE  
FORCES OF EVIL FROM THE WORLD BEYOND AS  
WELL AS THOSE WHO WOULD THREATEN WITHIN,  
HE IS NONE OTHER THAN KNUCKLES  
THE ECHIDNA!**

**HERE IS ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW:**

**THE ECHIDNA KNOWN AS KNUCKLES DOES NOT  
EXIST -- AT LEAST IN ANY FORM ONE CAN RELATE  
TO. HE WAS LITERALLY TAKEN APART BIT BY  
MOLECULAR BIT COURTESY OF THE AWESOME  
POWER WIELDED BY HIS GREAT UNCLE  
SEVENTEEN GENERATIONS REMOVED...  
THE BEING KNOWN AS ENERJAK!**

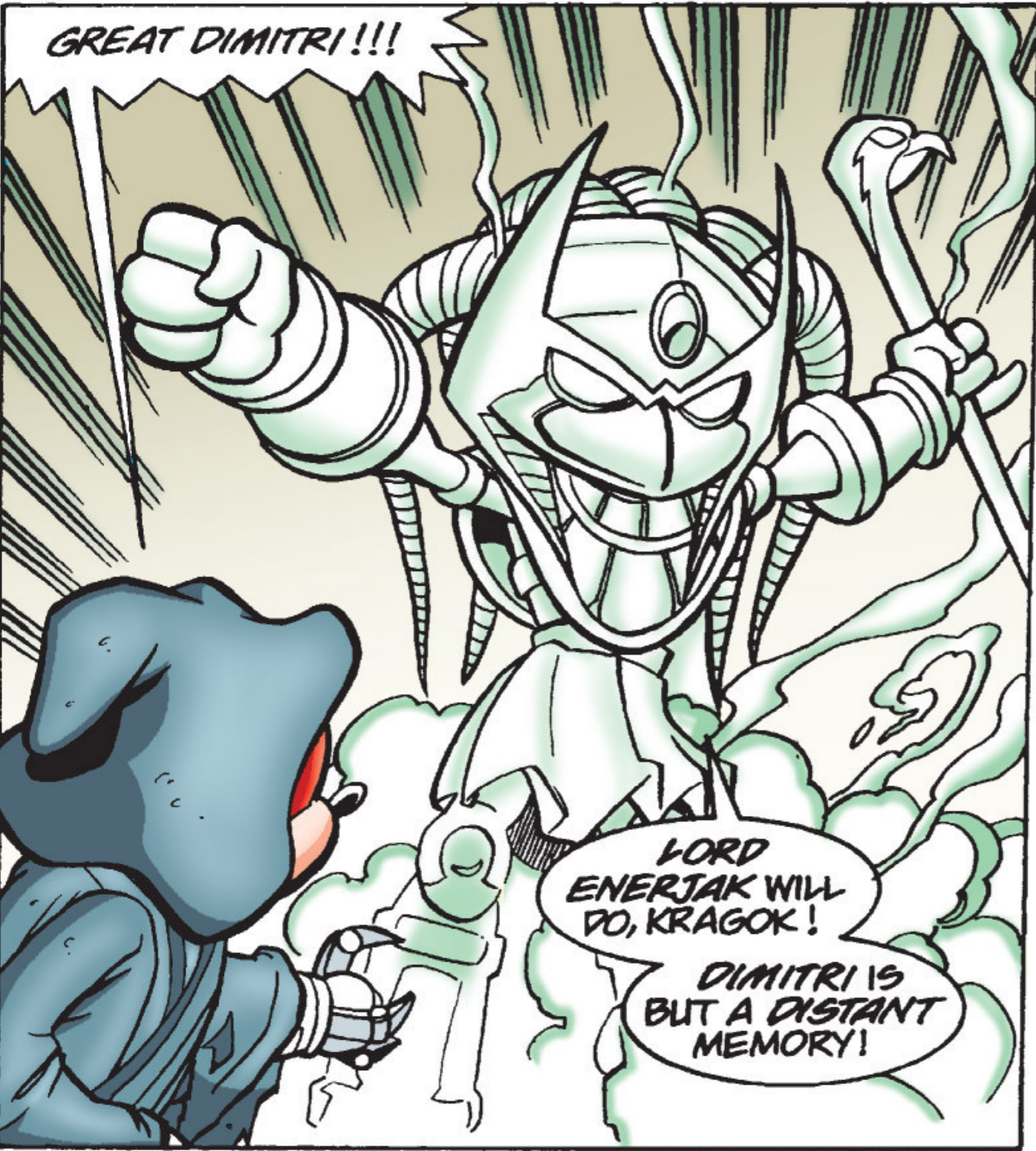
**NOW THAT HIS GREATEST ENEMY IS COMPLETELY  
OUT OF THE WAY, IT'S TIME FOR FUN AND GAMES  
AS ENERJAK SEEKS NEW CHALLENGES AND  
HORIZONS TO CONQUER...**





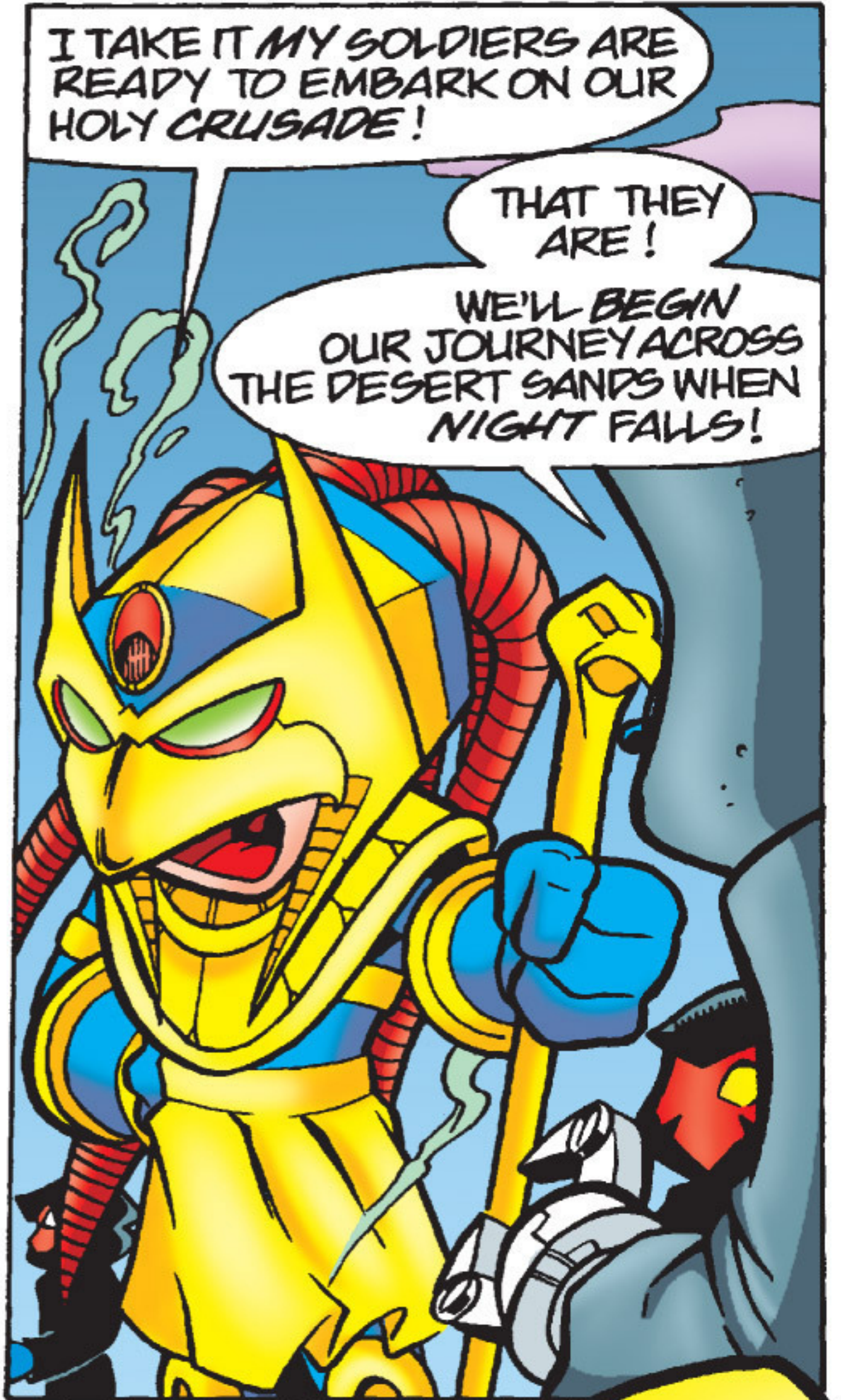
WHA--?!!

FAA-WHOOM!



GREAT DIMITRI!!!

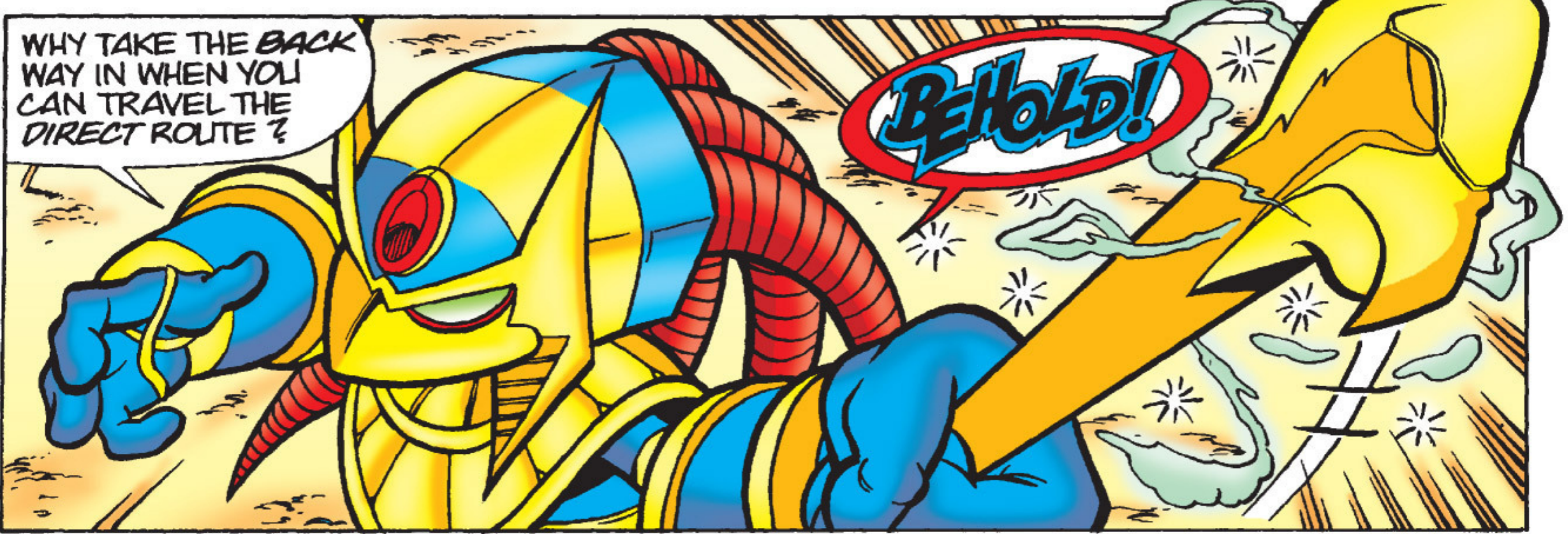
LORD ENERJAK WILL DO, KRAGOK!  
DIMITRI IS BUT A DISTANT MEMORY!



I TAKE IT MY SOLDIERS ARE READY TO EMBARK ON OUR HOLY CRUSADE!

THAT THEY ARE!

WE'LL BEGIN OUR JOURNEY ACROSS THE DESERT SANDS WHEN NIGHT FALLS!



WHY TAKE THE BACK WAY IN WHEN YOU CAN TRAVEL THE DIRECT ROUTE?

Behold!



**TWILIGHT OF THE TITANS**

BEFORE YOU IS THE GOLDEN ARCH THAT WILL TAKE YOU TO THE PROMISED LAND--

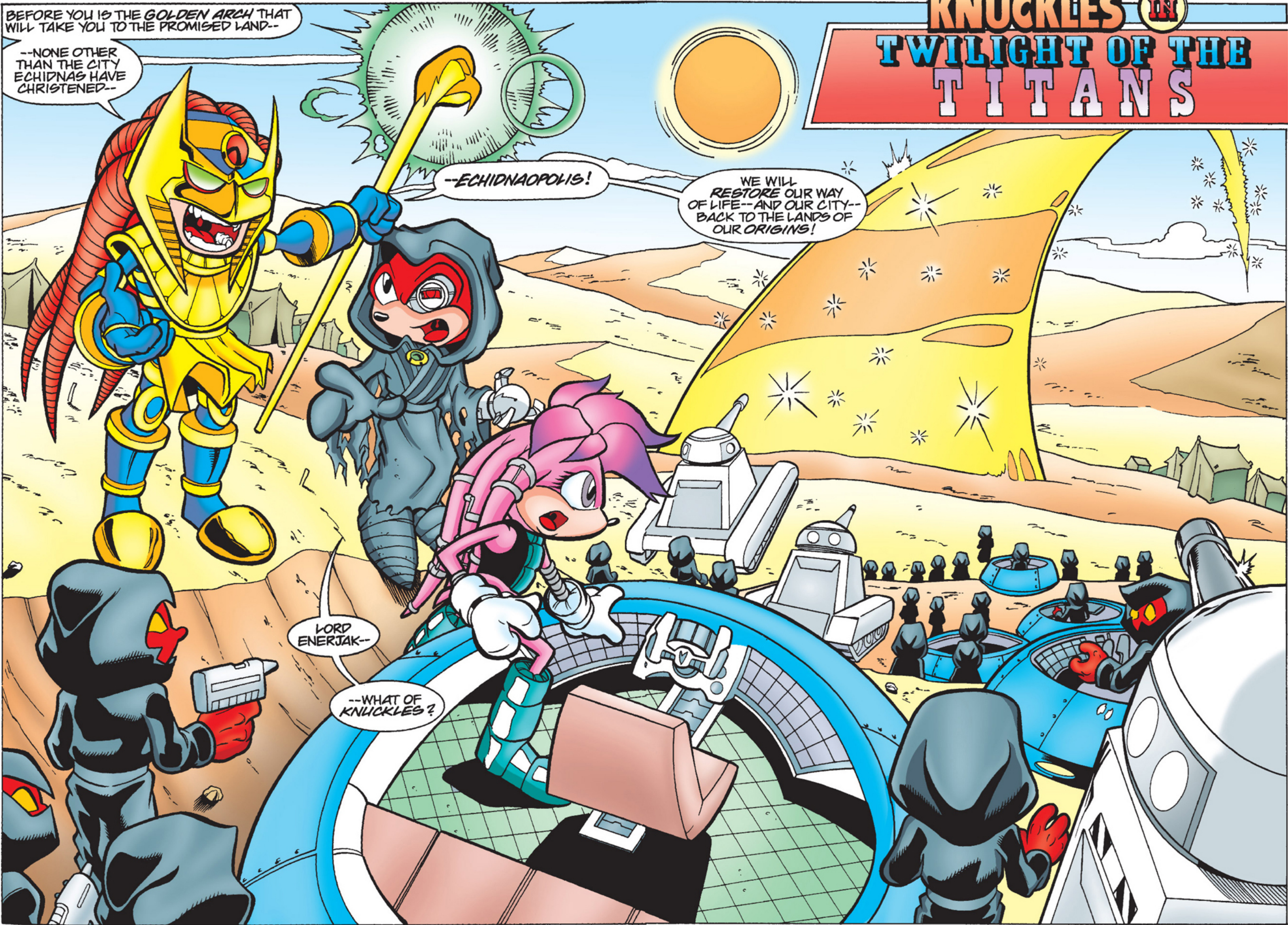
--NONE OTHER THAN THE CITY ECHIDNAS HAVE CHRISTENED--

--ECHIDNAOPOLIS!

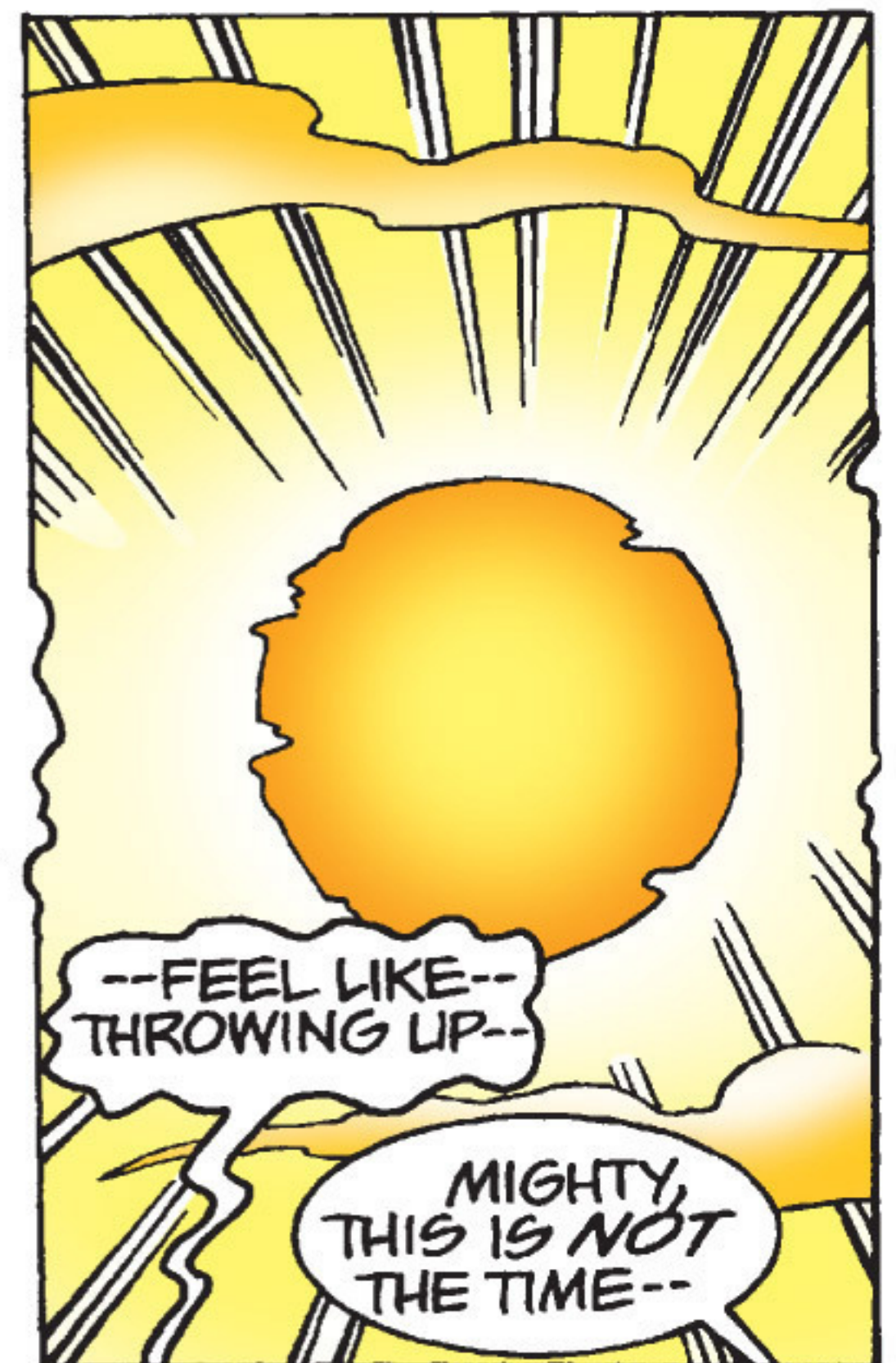
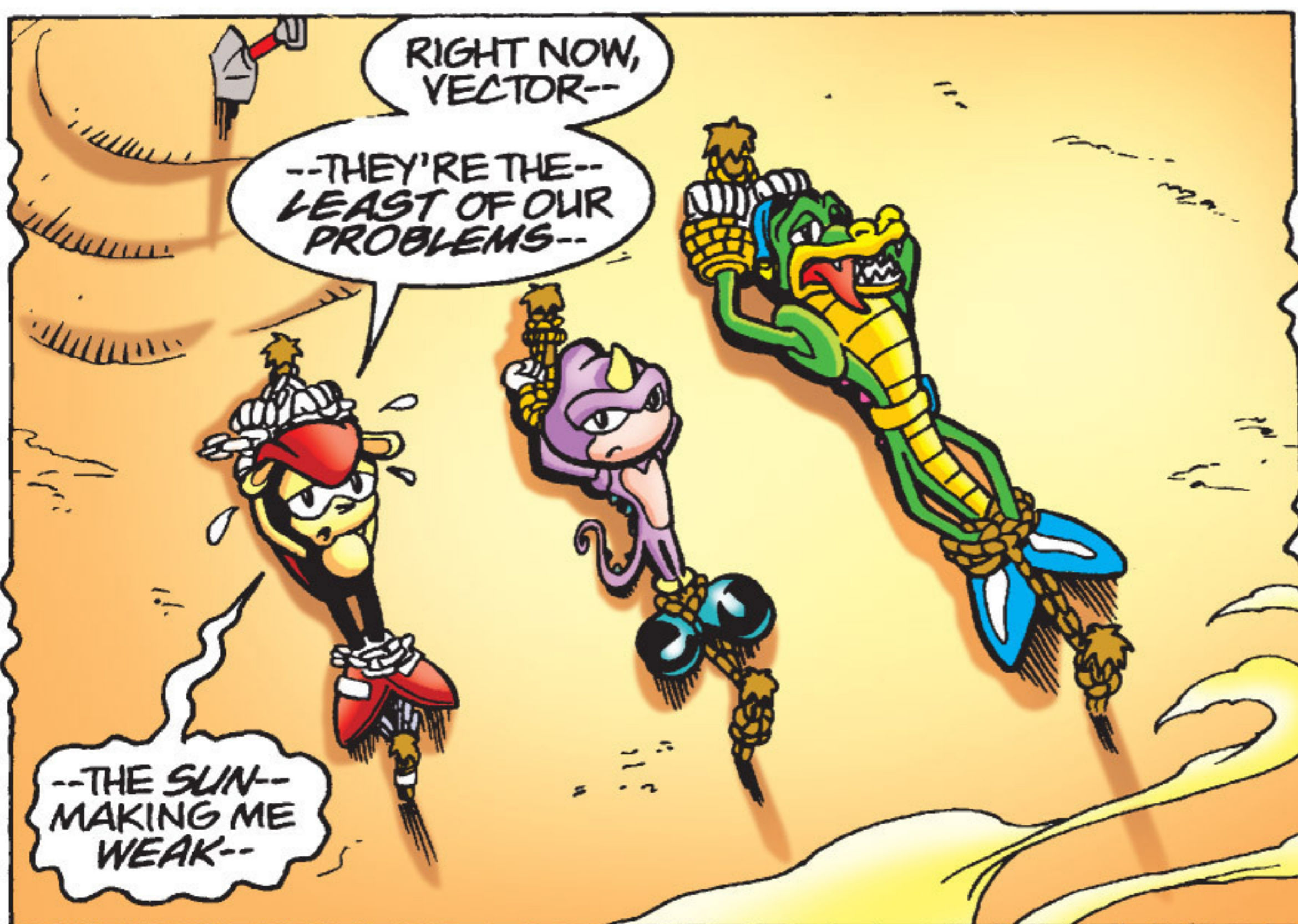
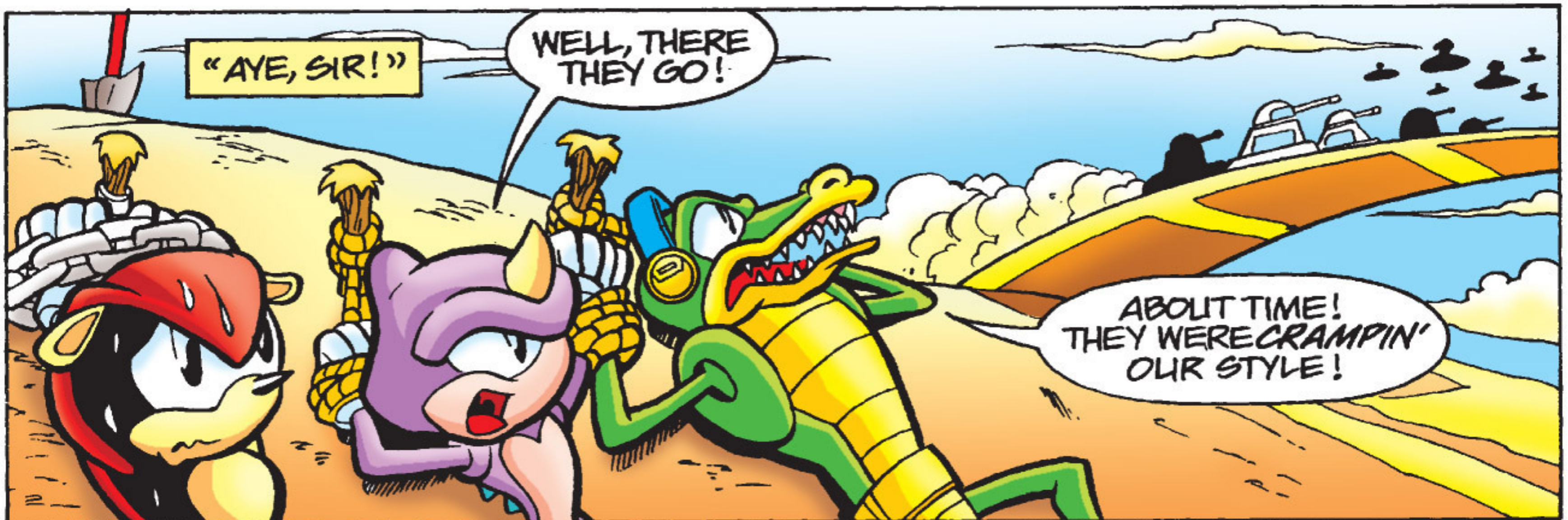
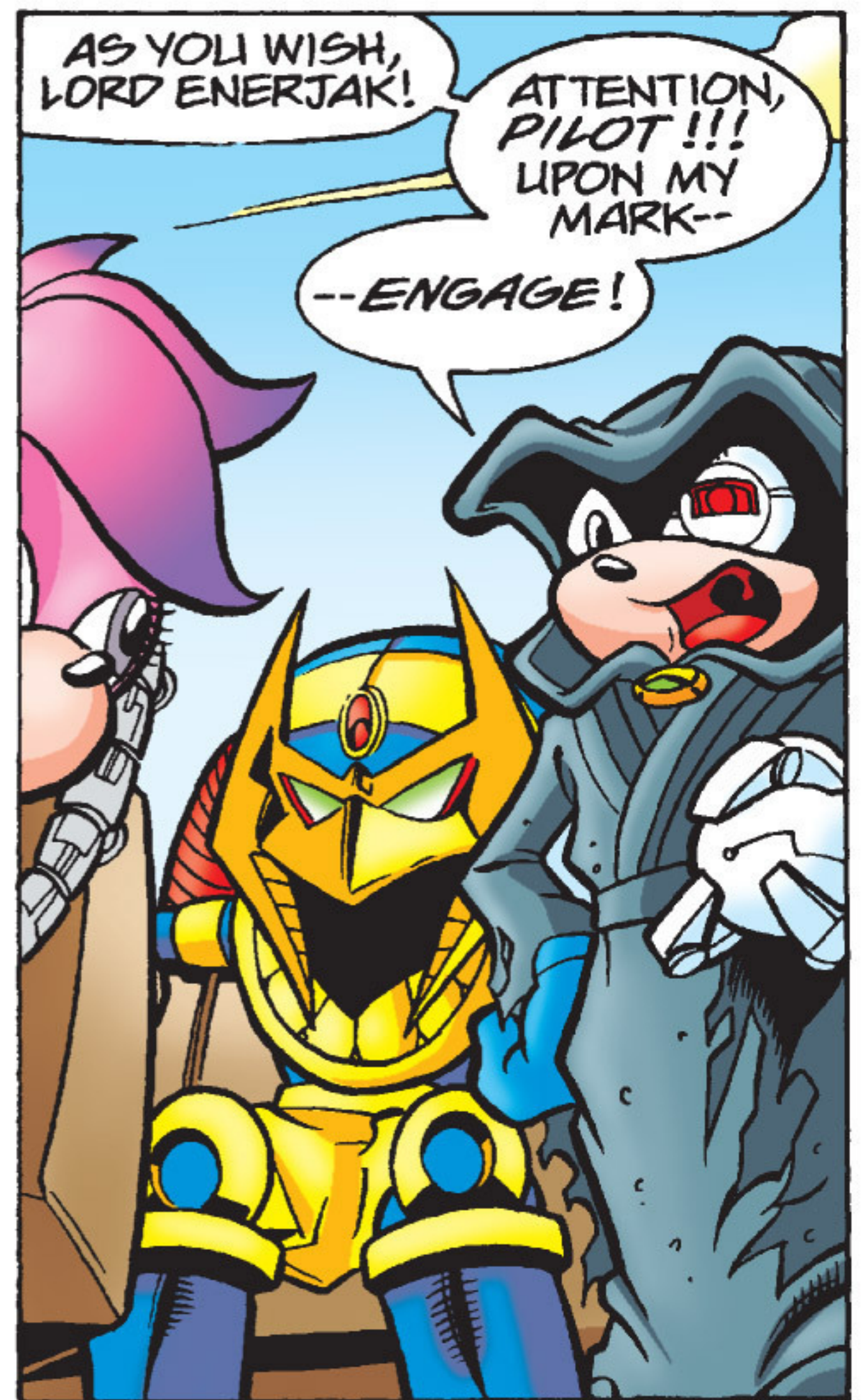
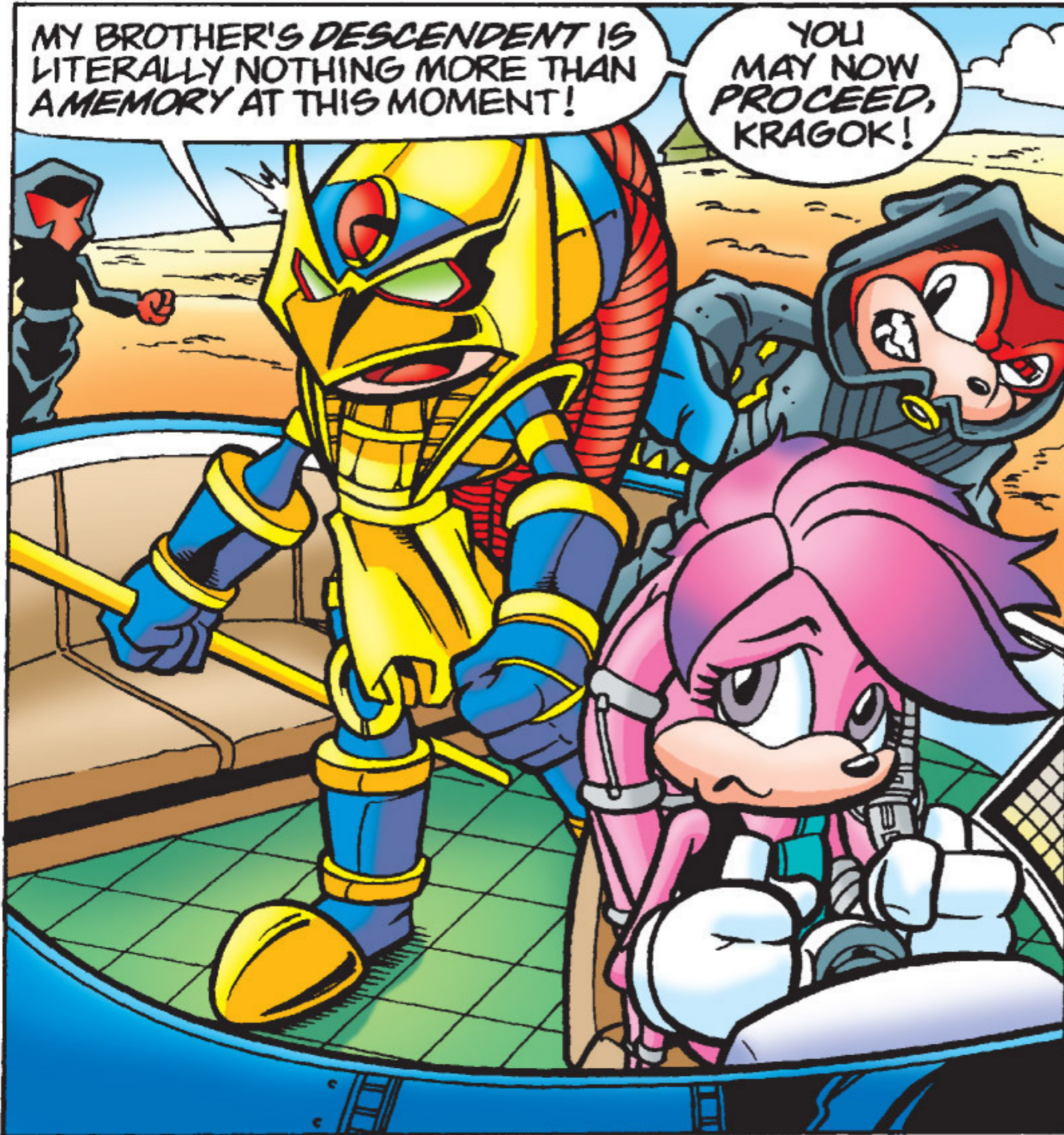
WE WILL RESTORE OUR WAY OF LIFE-- AND OUR CITY-- BACK TO THE LANDS OF OUR ORIGINS!

LORD ENERJAK--

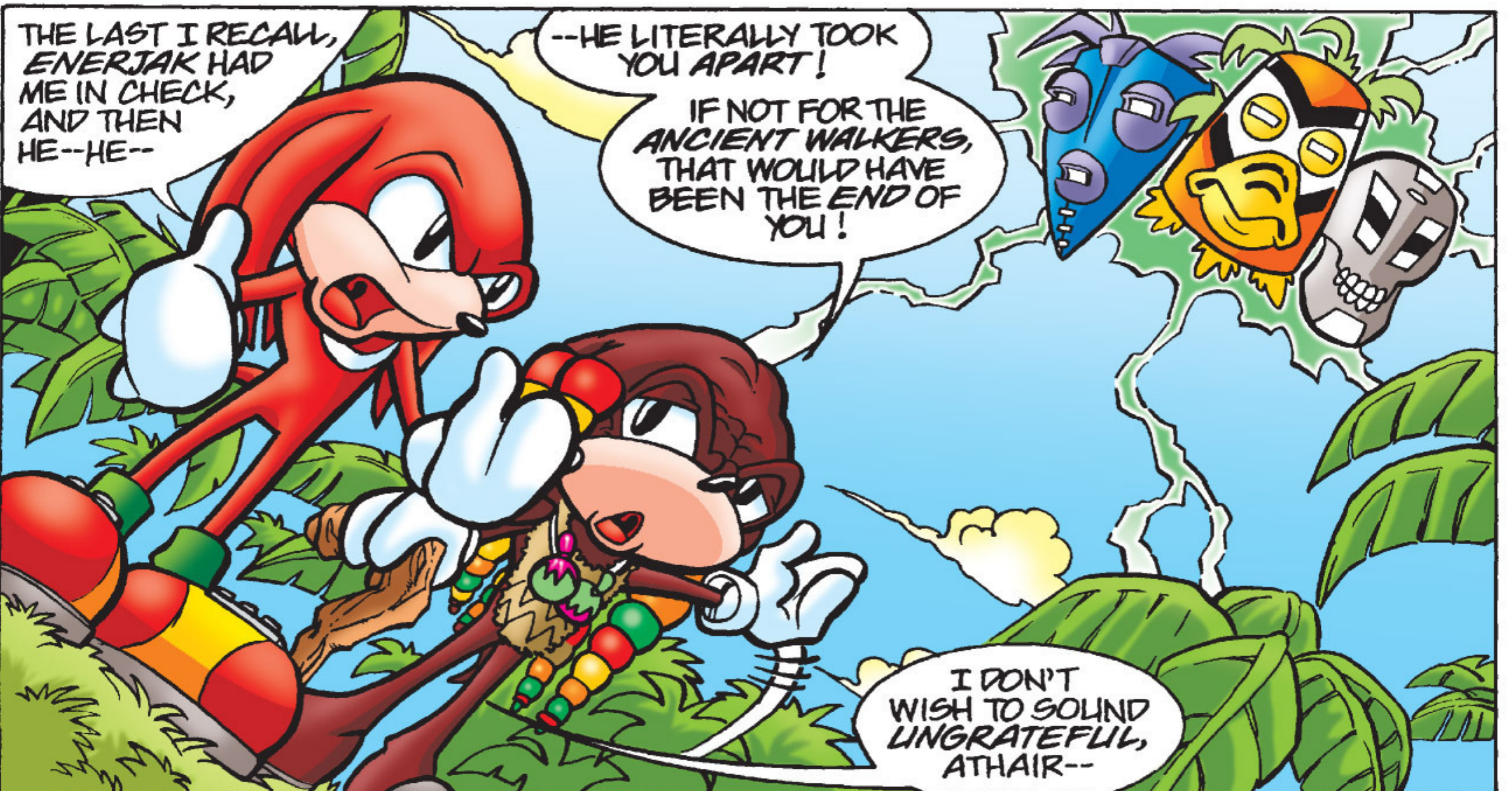
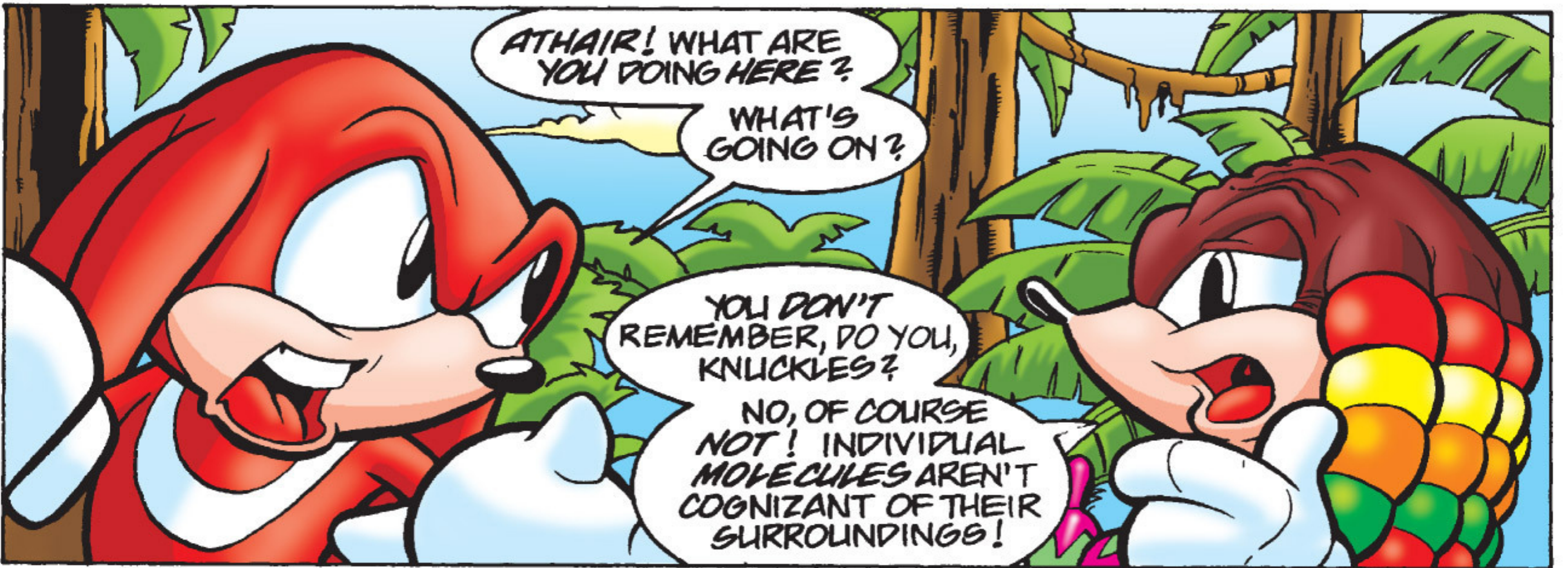
--WHAT OF KNUCKLES?



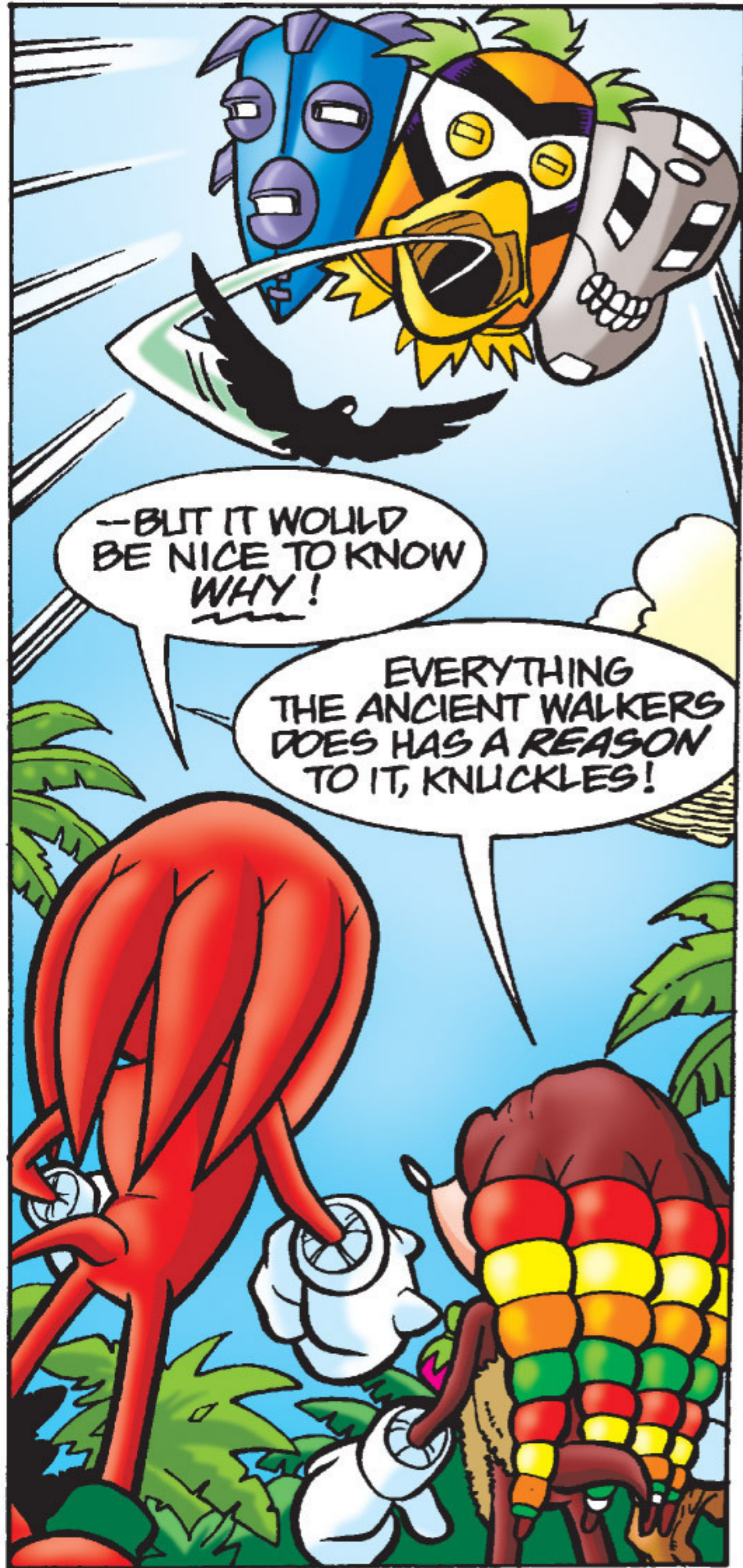






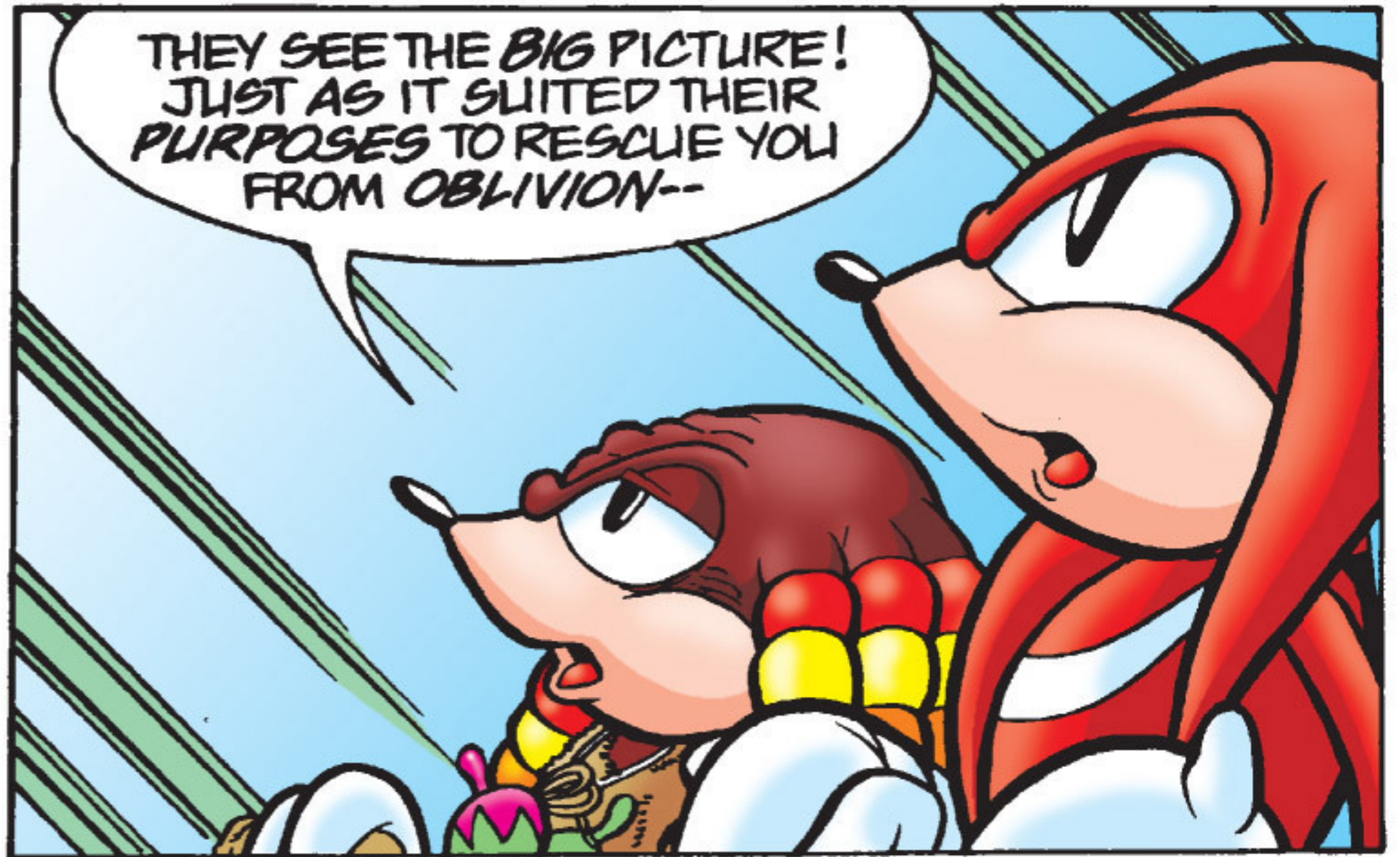






--BUT IT WOULD BE NICE TO KNOW WHY!

EVERYTHING THE ANCIENT WALKERS DOES HAS A REASON TO IT, KNUCKLES!



THEY SEE THE BIG PICTURE! JUST AS IT SUITED THEIR PURPOSES TO RESCUE YOU FROM OBLIVION--



--IT NOW MATTERS THAT YOU BE SENT ALONG ON YOUR WAY--

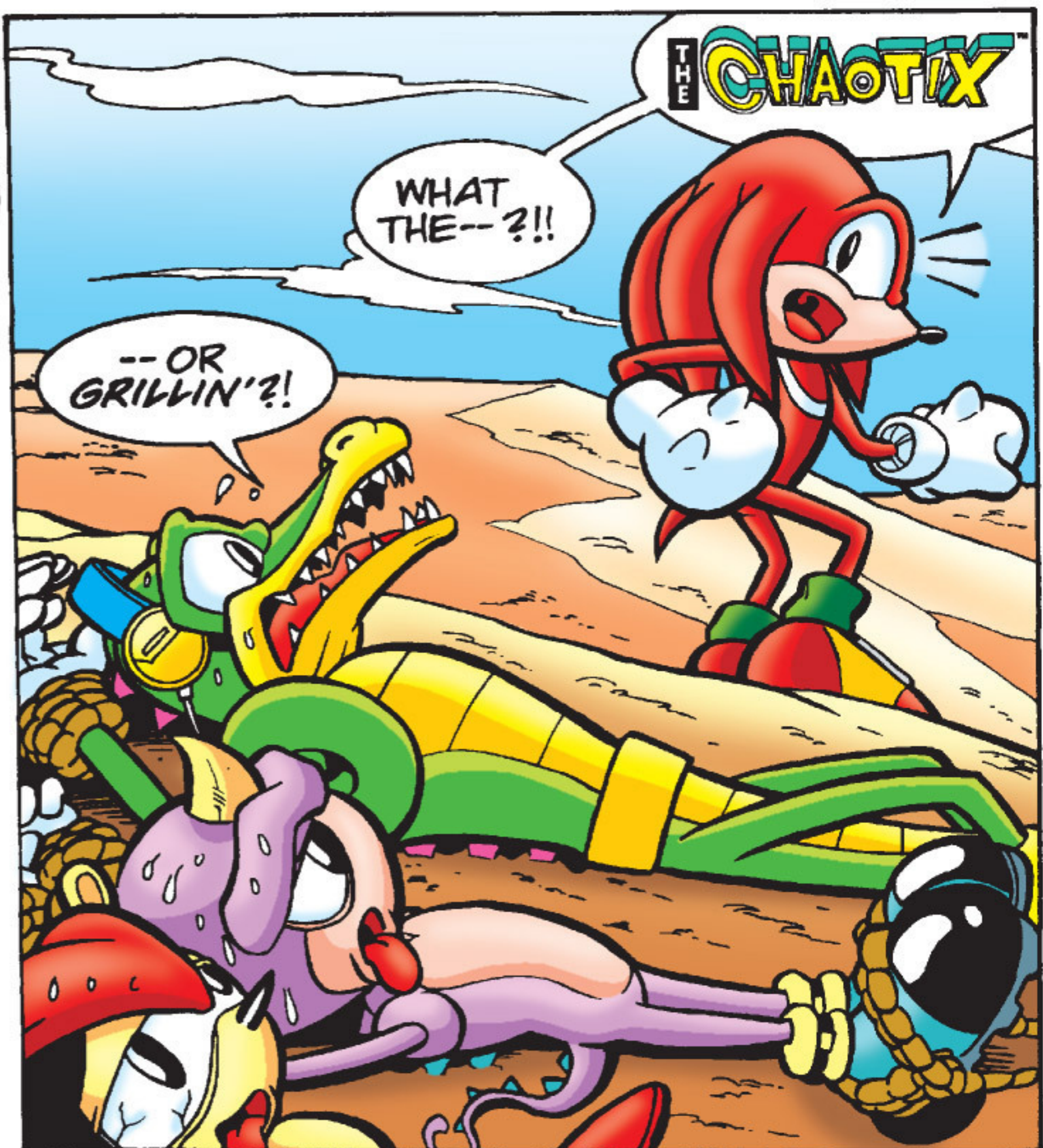


-- SO THAT YOU MIGHT BECOME, ONCE AGAIN, AN AGENT FOR RESTORING BALANCE! "

THIS LOOKS SICKENINGLY FAMILIAR!\*

YO, BRO'! YOU CHILLIN'--

\*KNUCKLES STILL HASN'T GOTTEN OVER HIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE FROM KNUCKLES ARCHIVES VOL. 1-EDITOR



THE CHAOTIX

WHAT THE--?!!

--OR GRILLIN'?!





"HOW ABOUT THAT? HE REMEMBERS US!"

SERGEANT, I WANT YOUR MEN STATIONED AROUND THE GOLDEN BRIDGE OUT OF SIGHT!

UNTIL WE KNOW FOR CERTAIN WHAT'S GOING ON, WE MUST ASSUME THE WORST!

YES, SIR!



ALRIGHT, SOLDIERS! YOU HEARD THE CONSTABLE!

**MOVE!**

BRRP!  
BRRP!

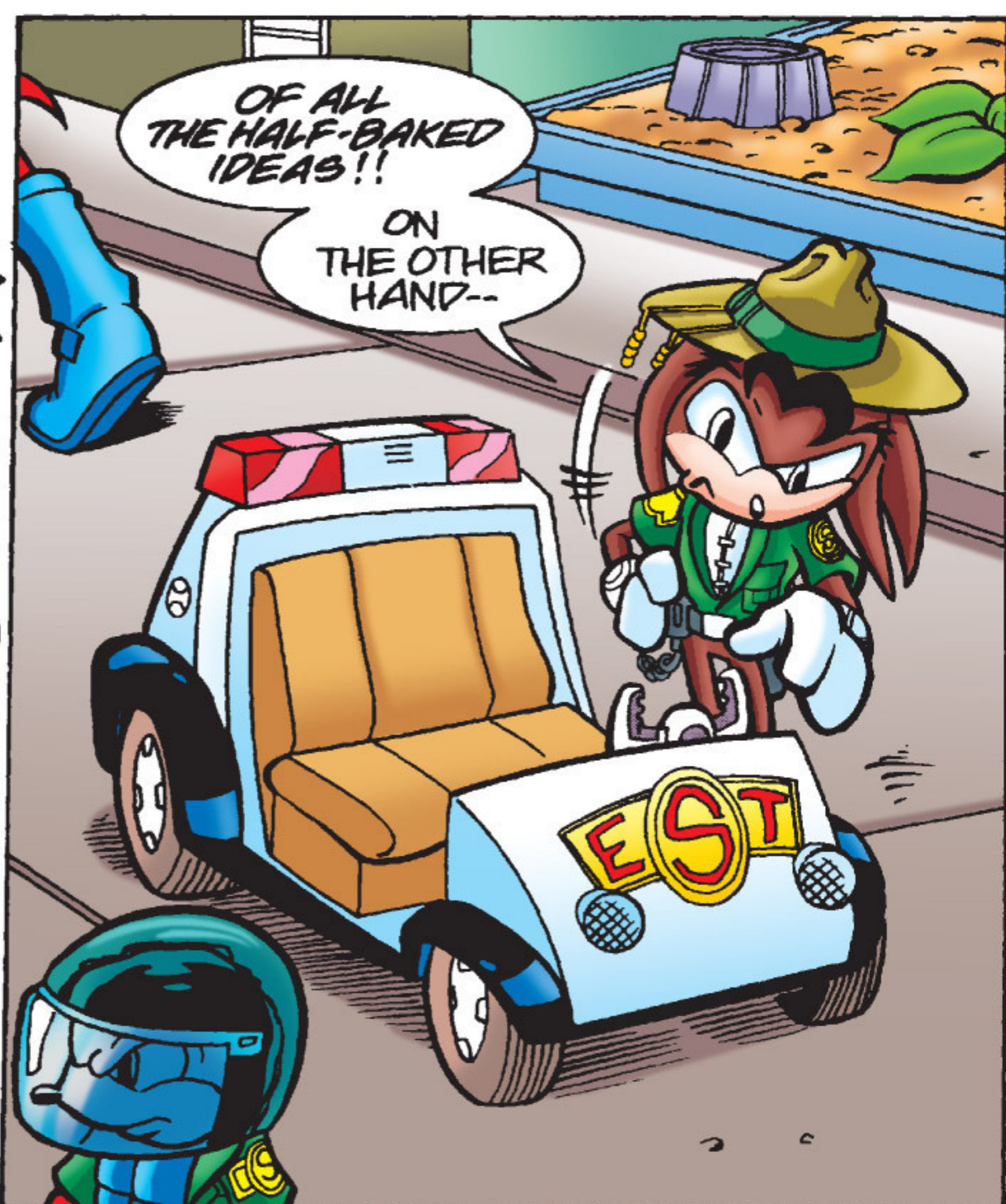


REMINGTON HERE!

OUR STATUS IS QUESTIONABLE! WE COULD USE MORE MEN--

WHA--?!! YOU WANT ME TO **WHAT?!**

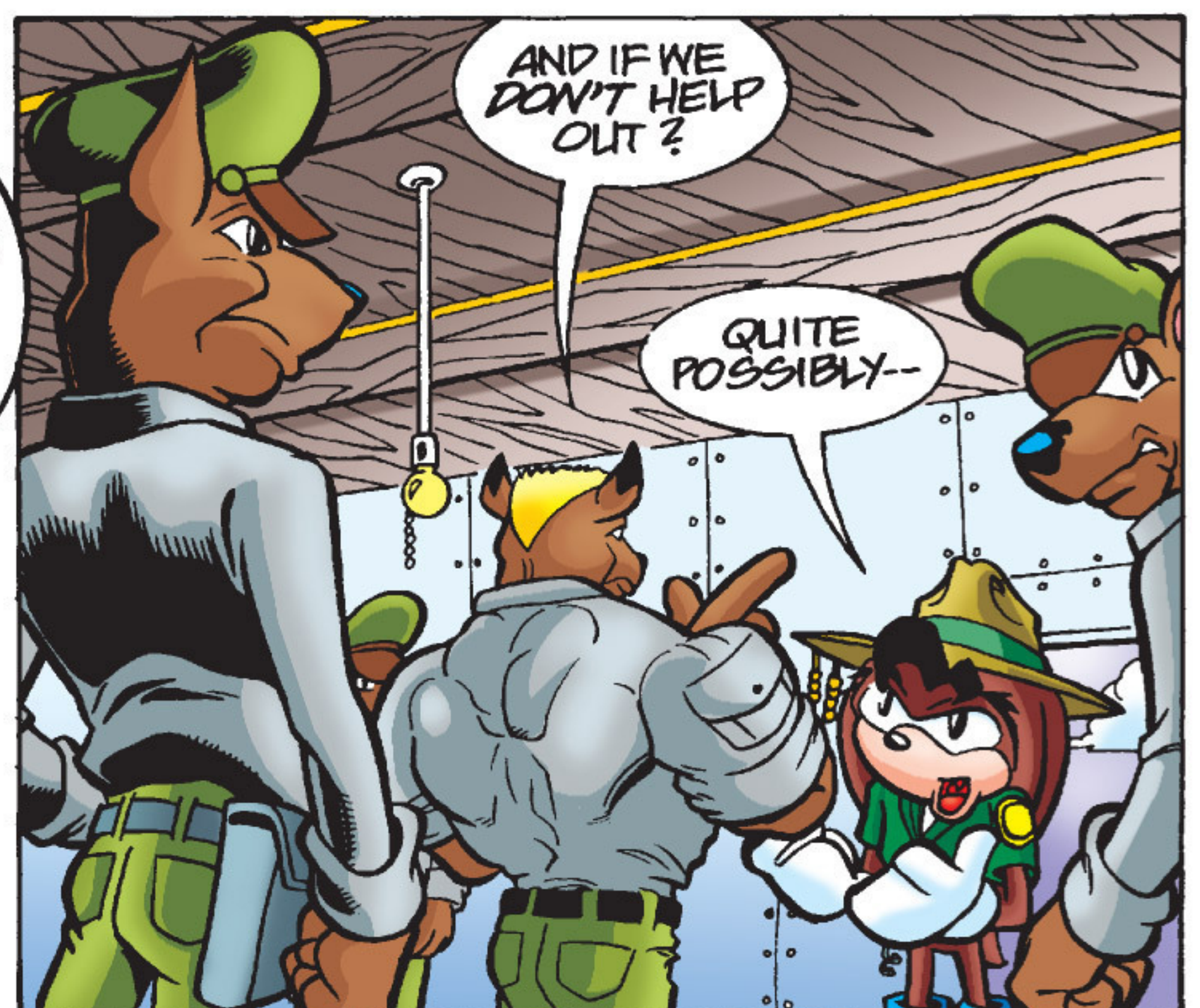
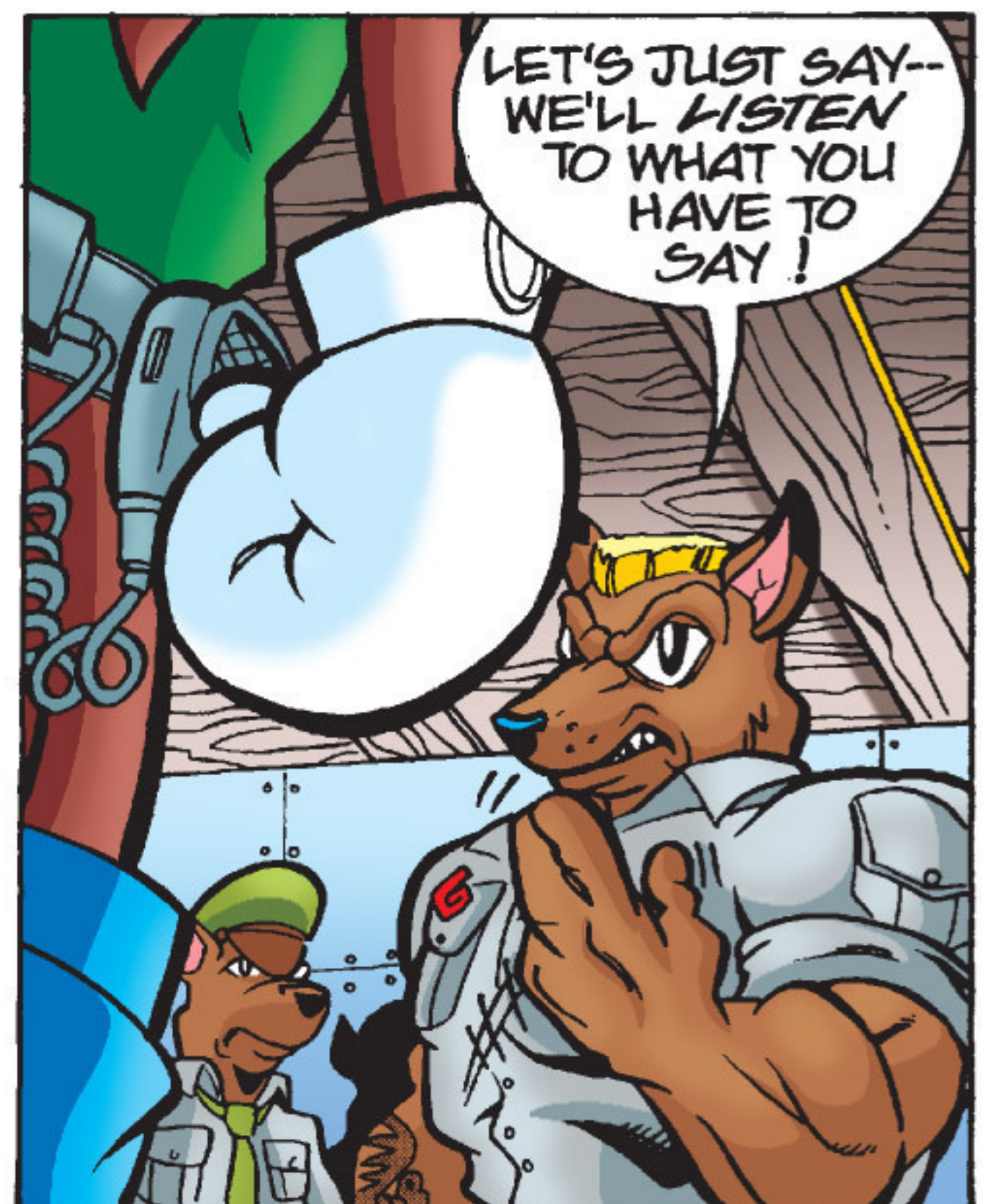
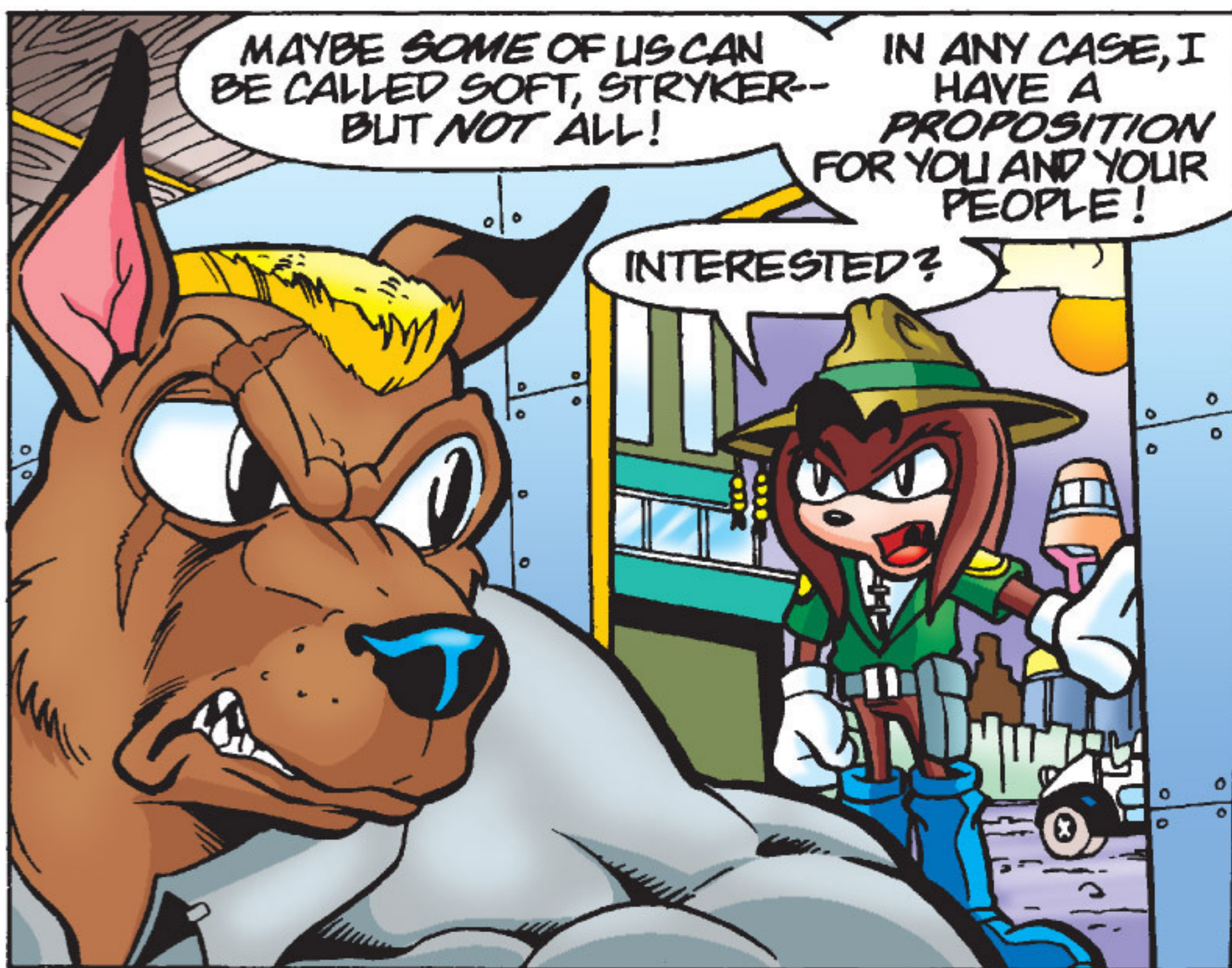
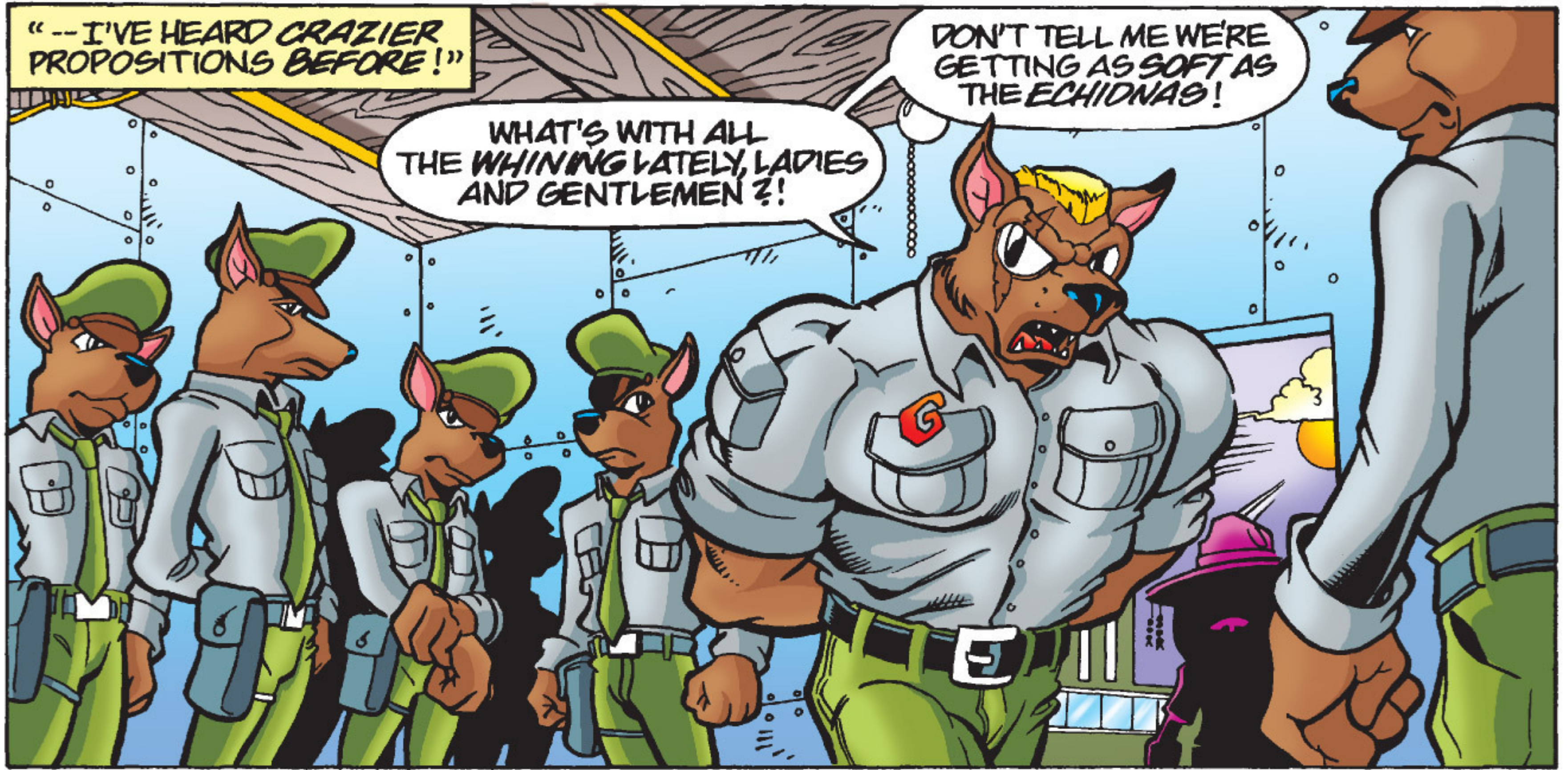
VERY WELL! REMINGTON OUT!



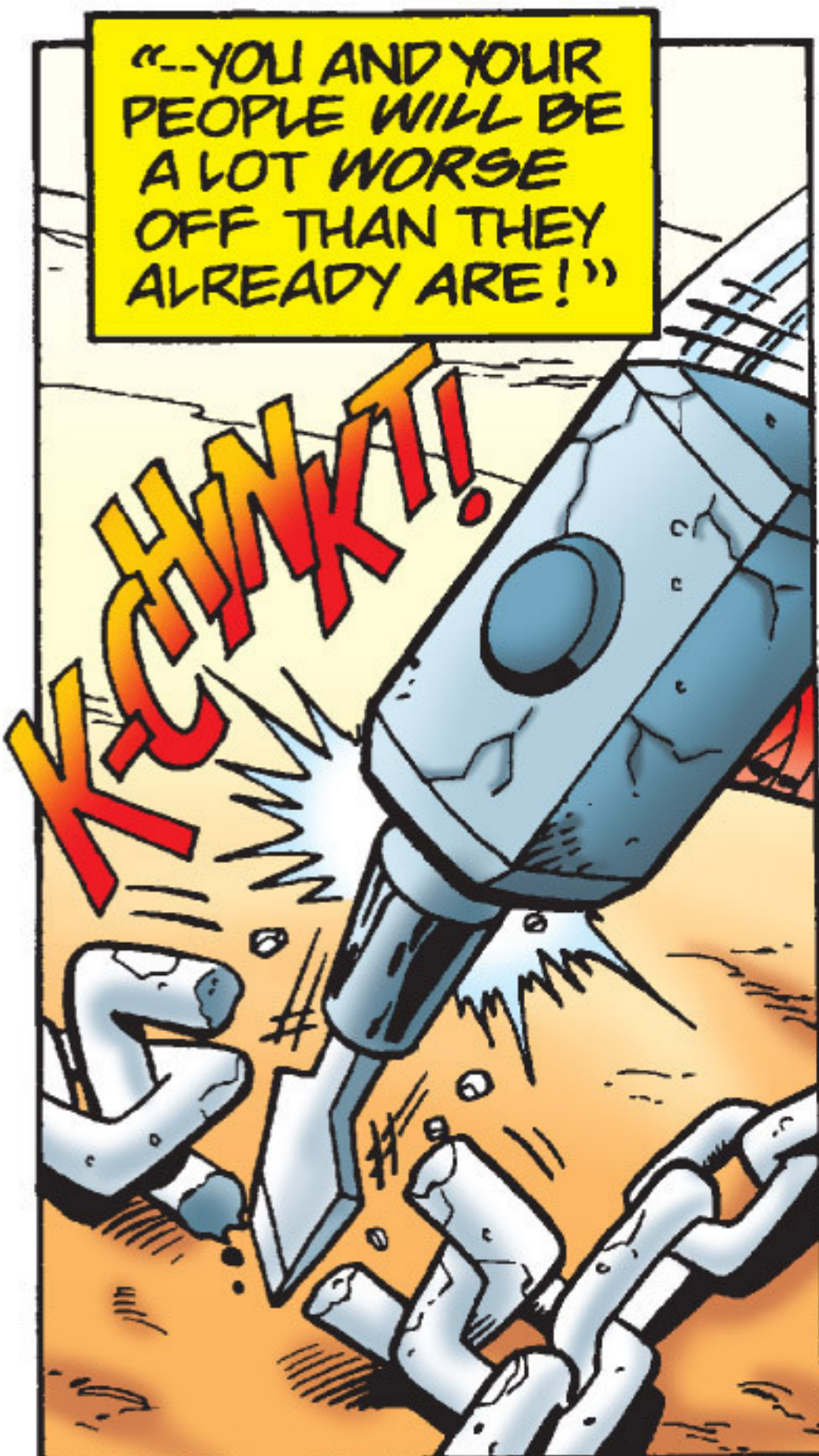
OF ALL THE HALF-BAKED IDEAS!!

ON THE OTHER HAND--

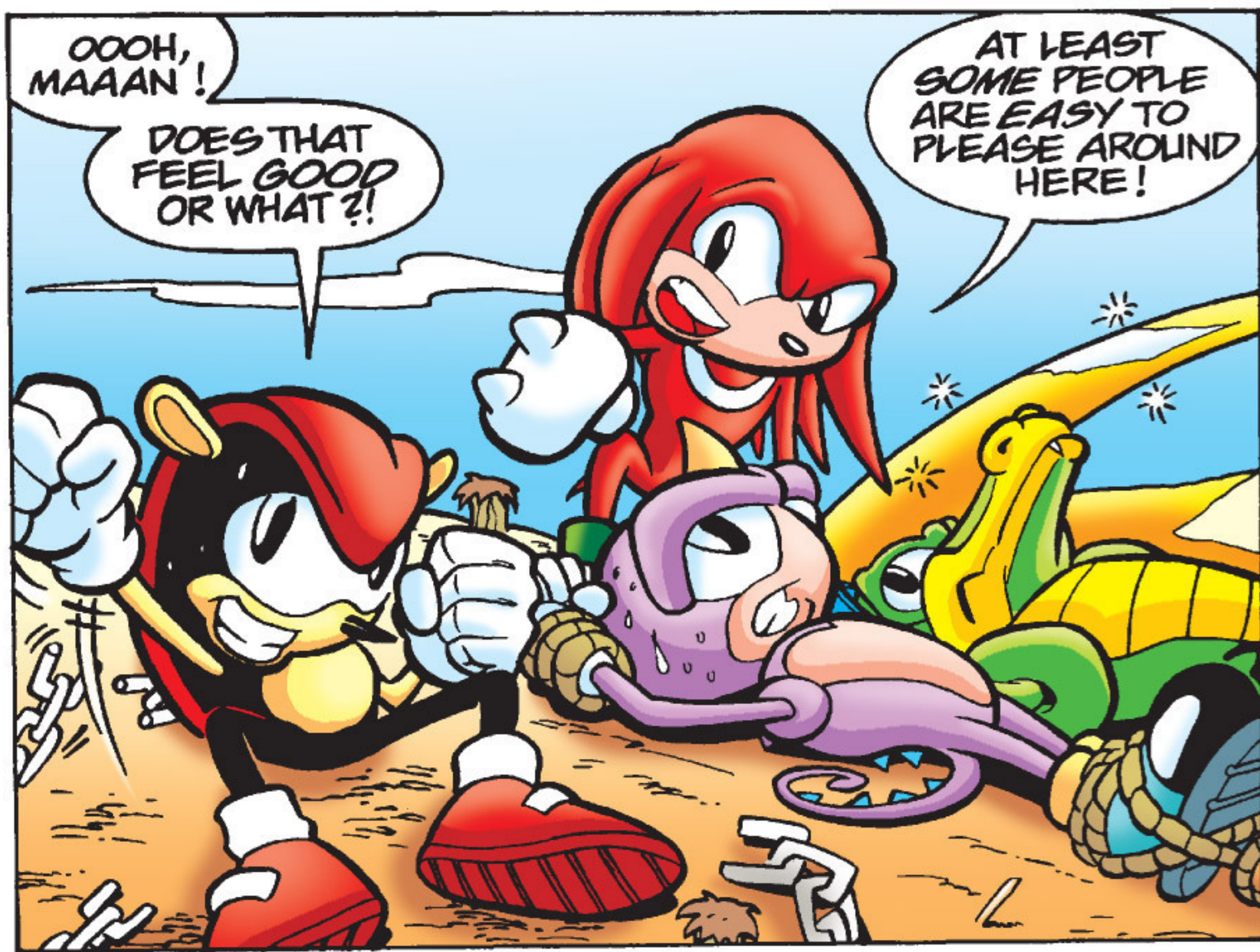








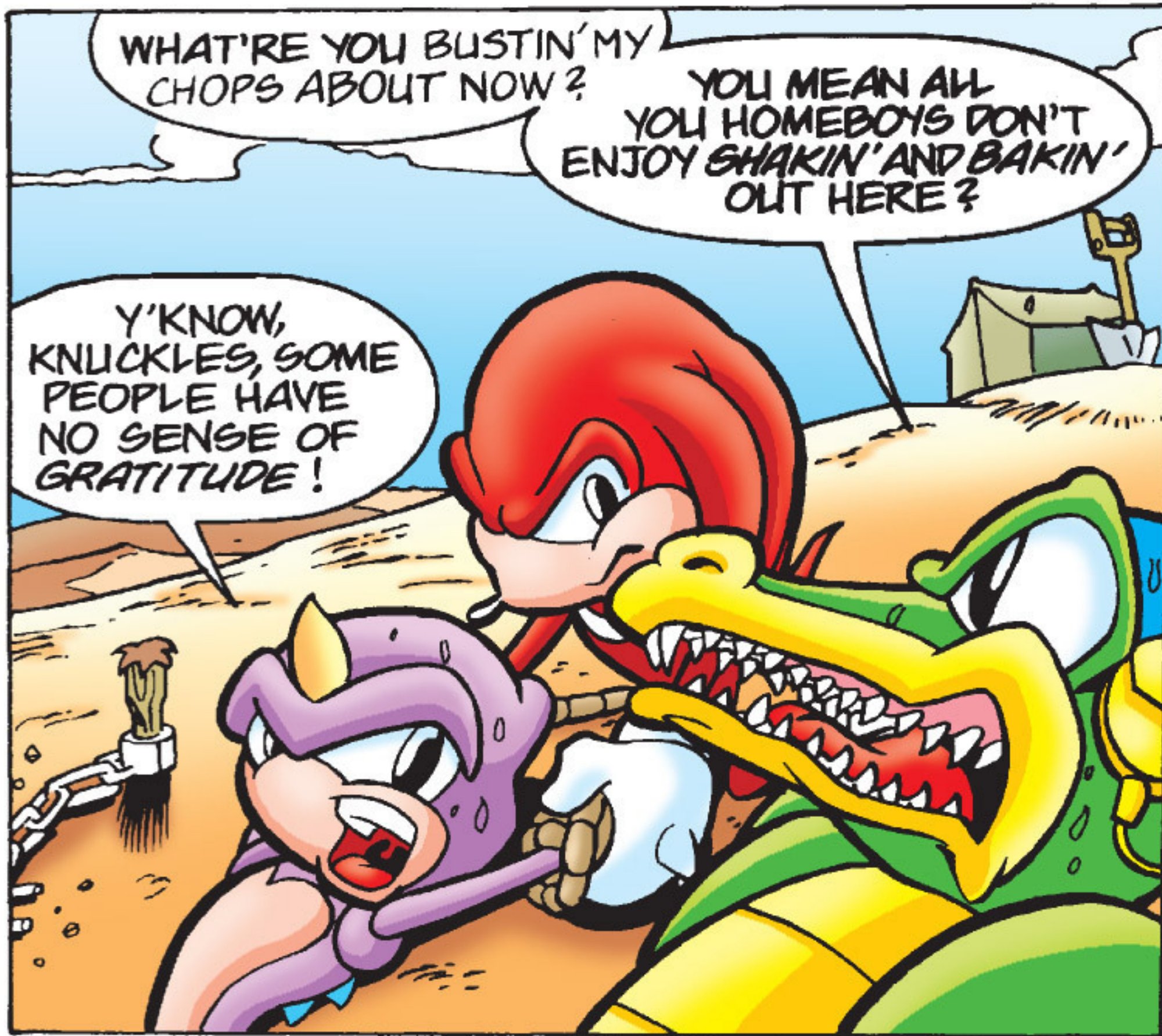
"...YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE WILL BE A LOT WORSE OFF THAN THEY ALREADY ARE!"



OOOH, MAAAN!

DOES THAT FEEL GOOD OR WHAT?!

AT LEAST SOME PEOPLE ARE EASY TO PLEASE AROUND HERE!



WHAT'RE YOU BUSTIN' MY CHOPS ABOUT NOW?

YOU MEAN ALL YOU HOMEBOYS DON'T ENJOY SHAKIN' AND BAKIN' OUT HERE?

Y'KNOW, KNUCKLES, SOME PEOPLE HAVE NO SENSE OF GRATITUDE!

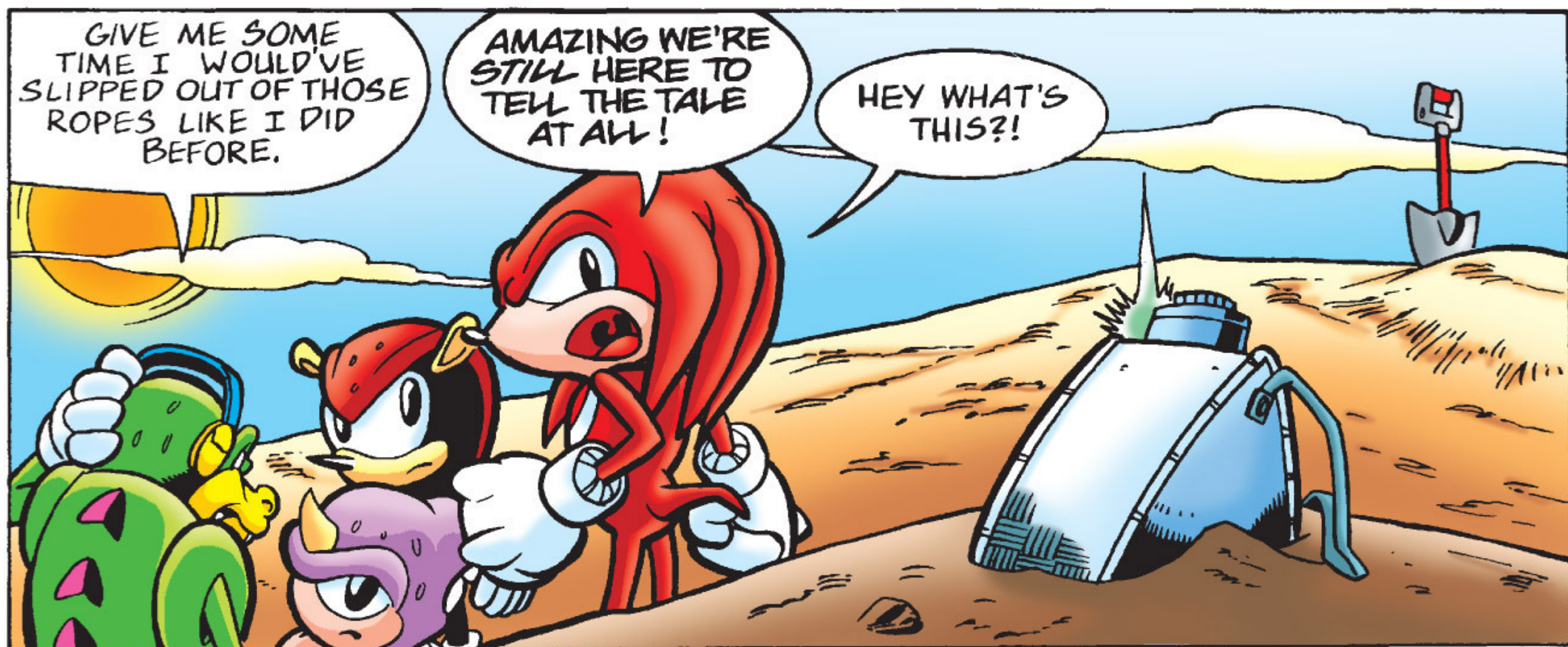


HERE, VECTOR! MAYBE THIS'LL SHUT YOU UP!

MMMPHH!

RIIIIIPP!

YOU WISH, MIGHTY-MAN!

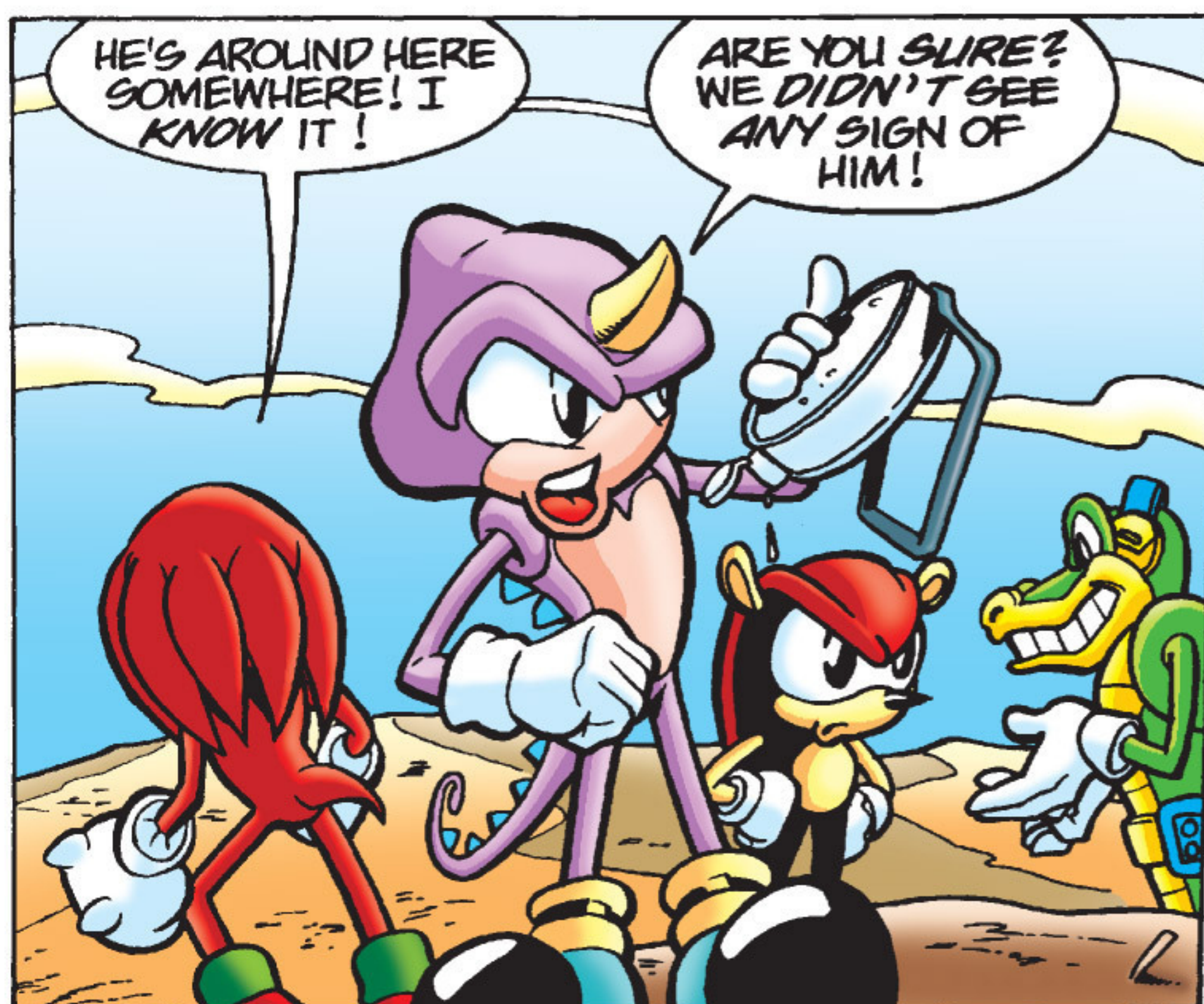
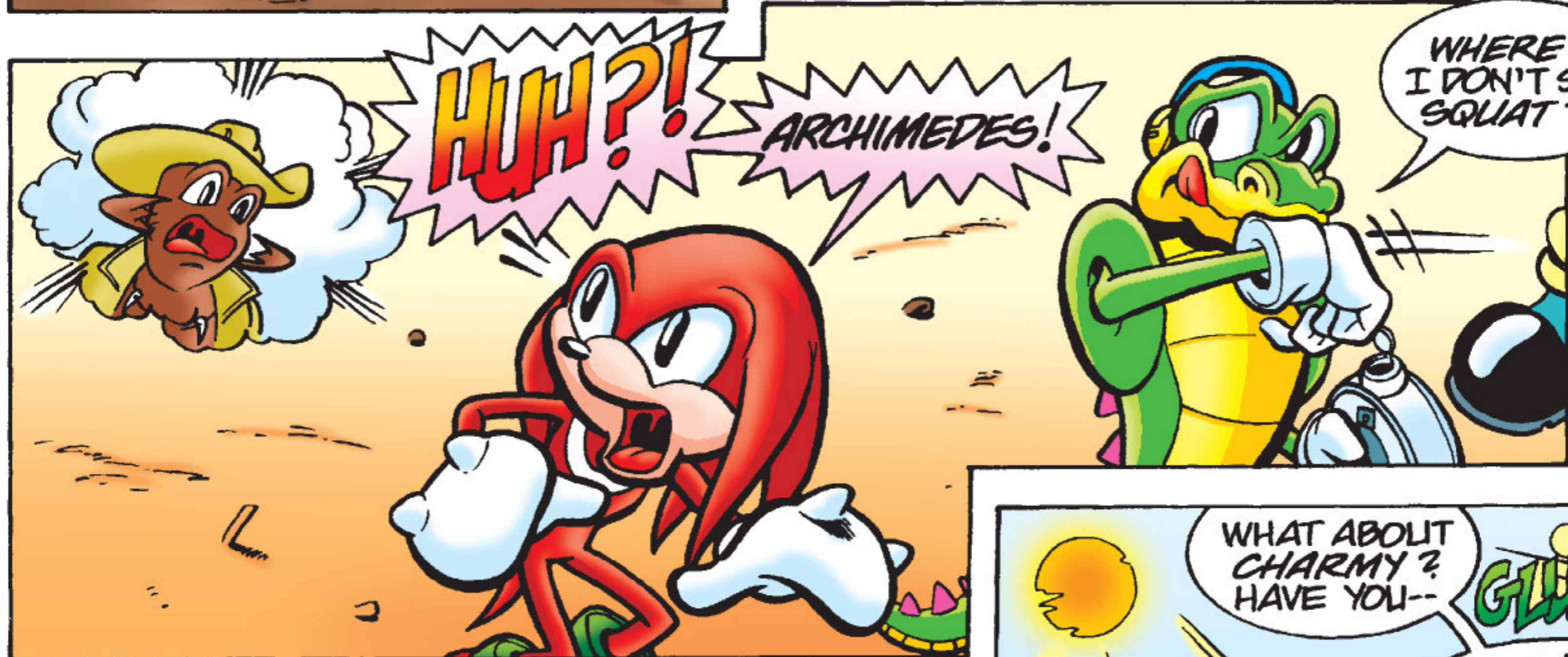
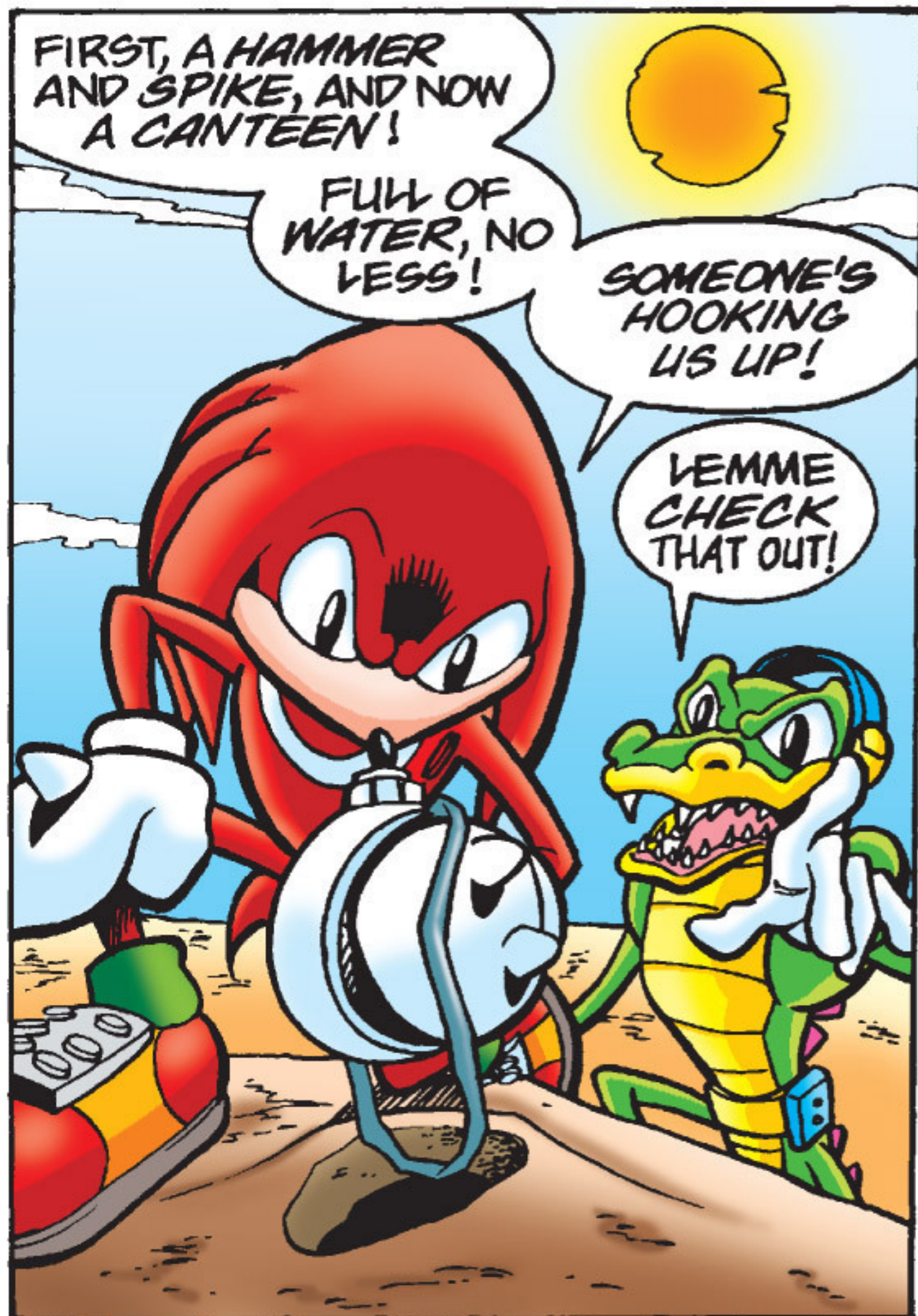


GIVE ME SOME TIME I WOULD'VE SLIPPED OUT OF THOSE ROPES LIKE I DID BEFORE.

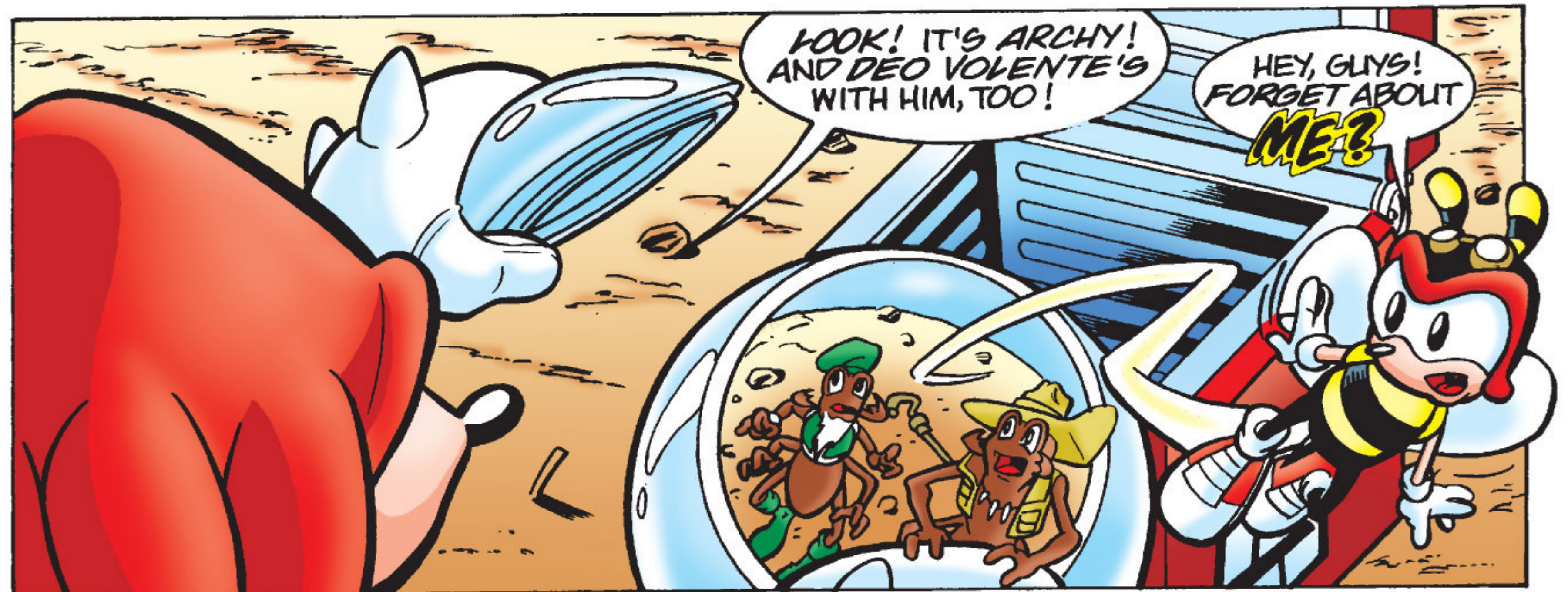
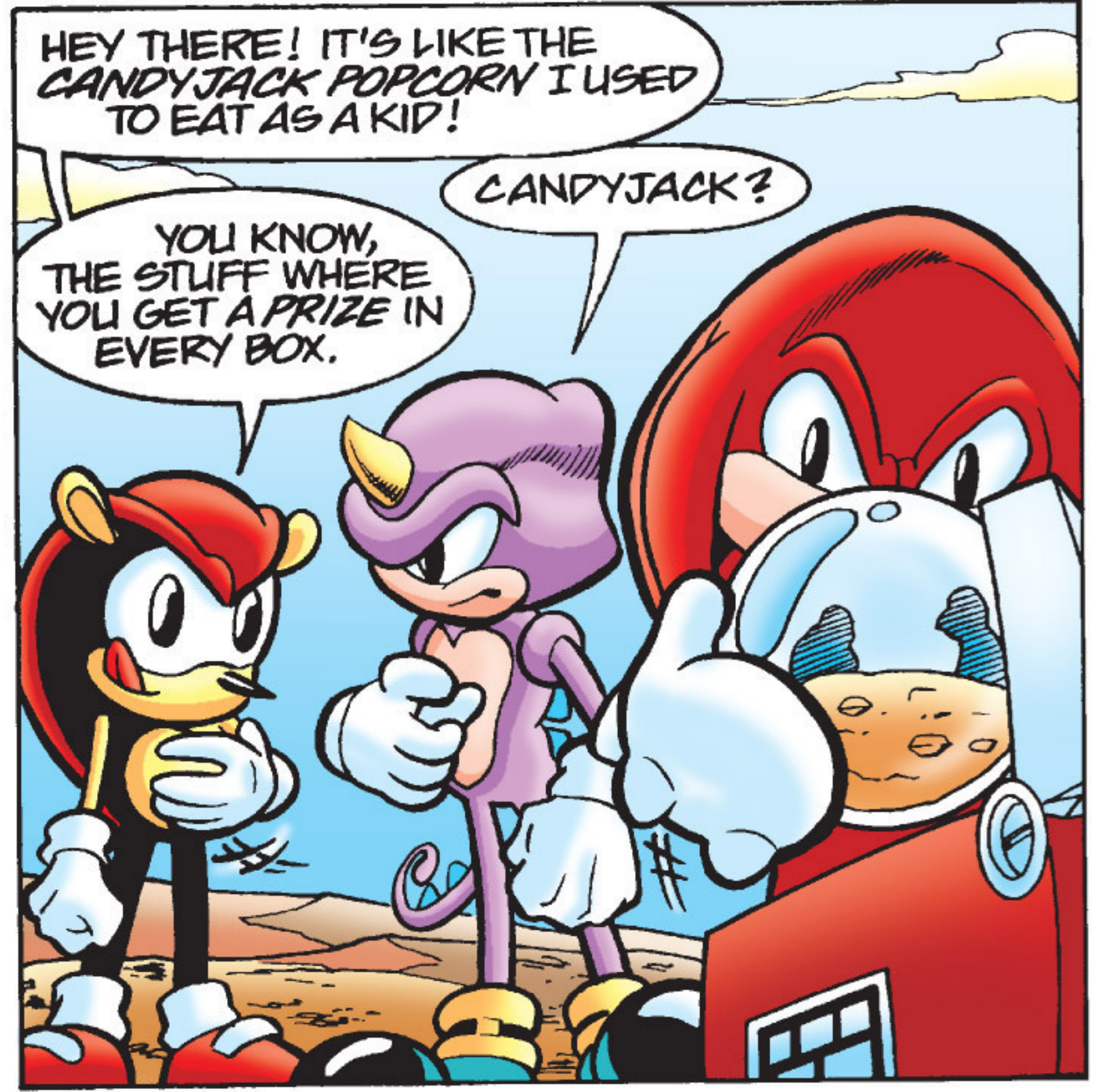
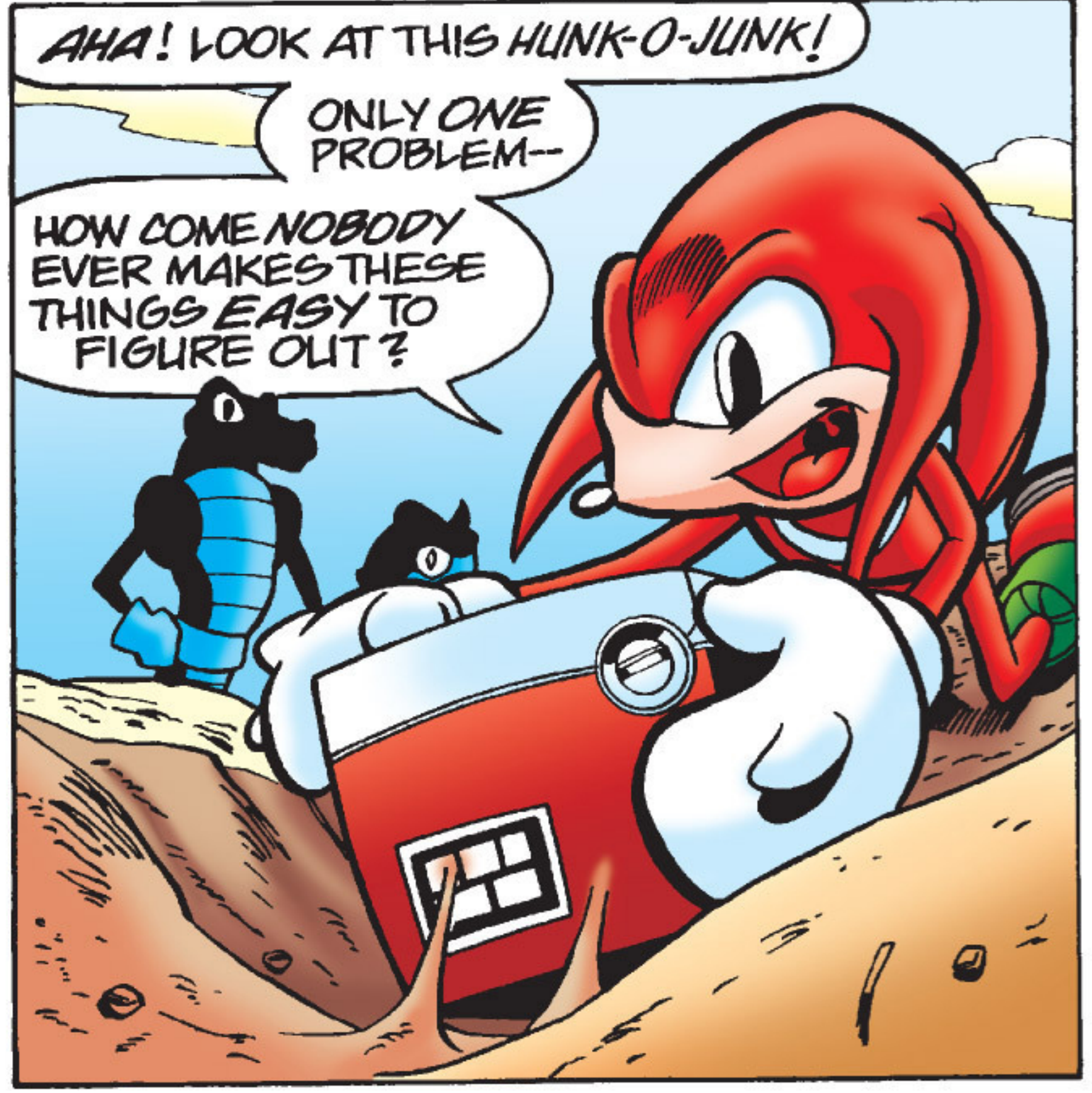
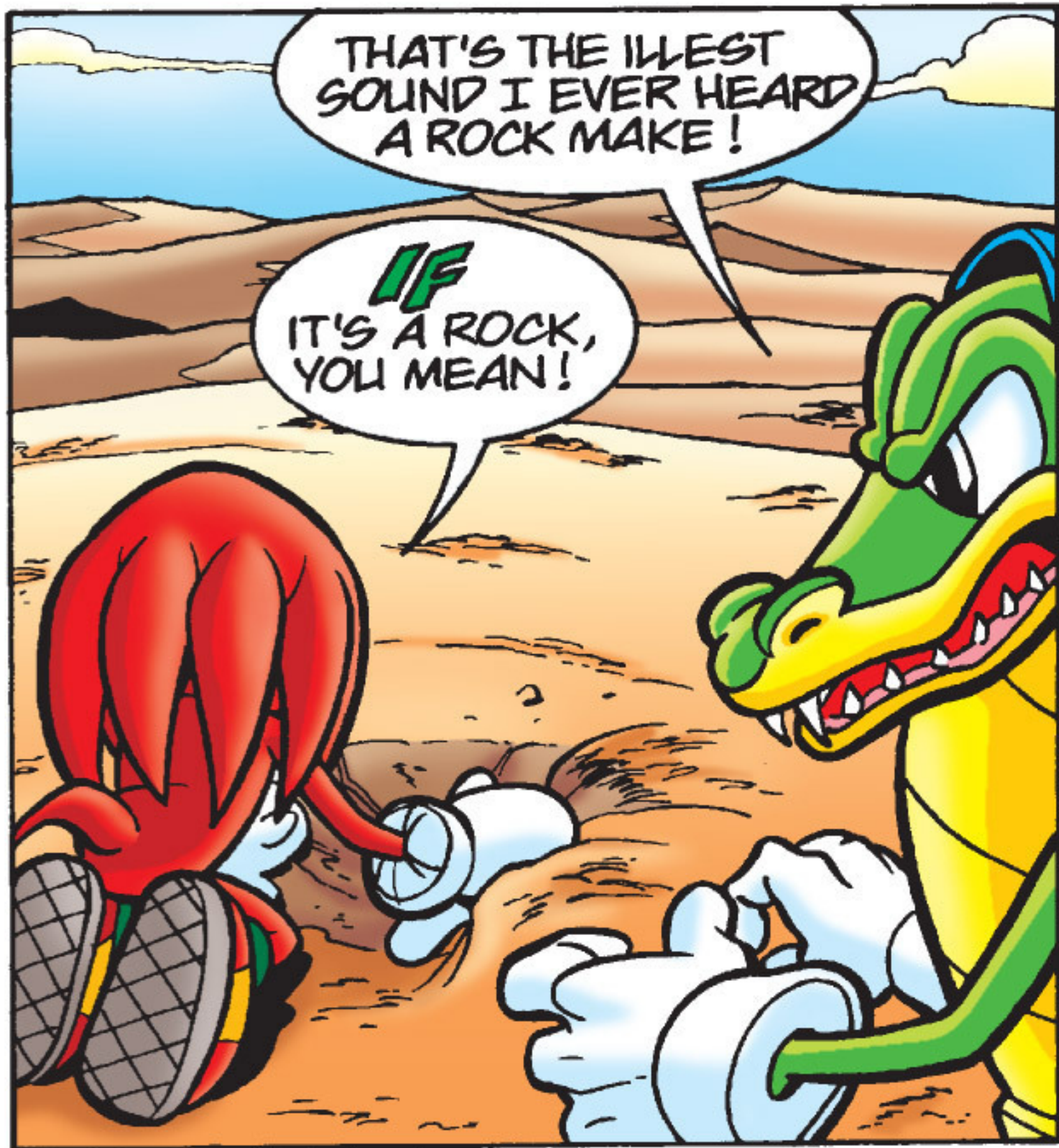
AMAZING WE'RE STILL HERE TO TELL THE TALE AT ALL!

HEY WHAT'S THIS?!

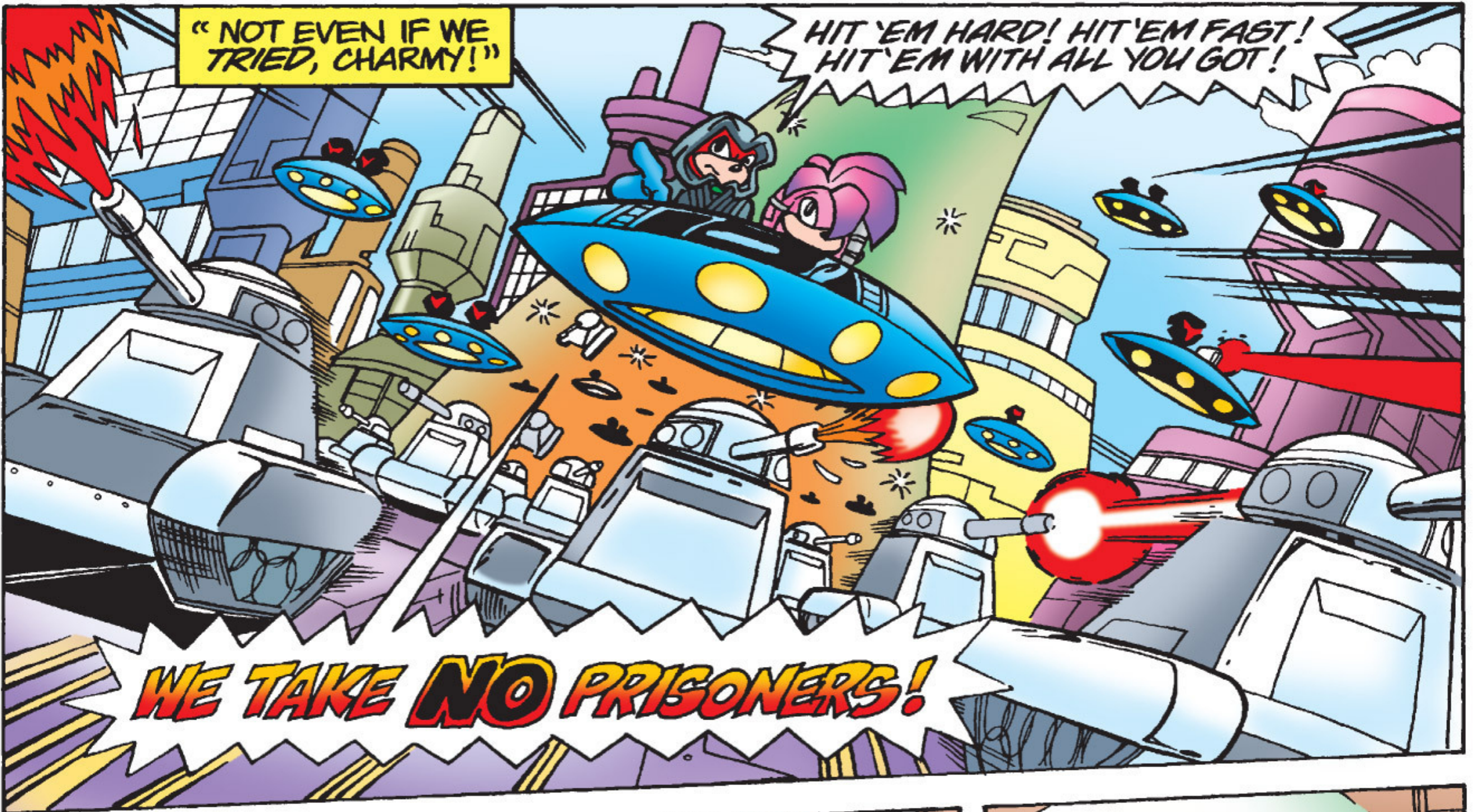








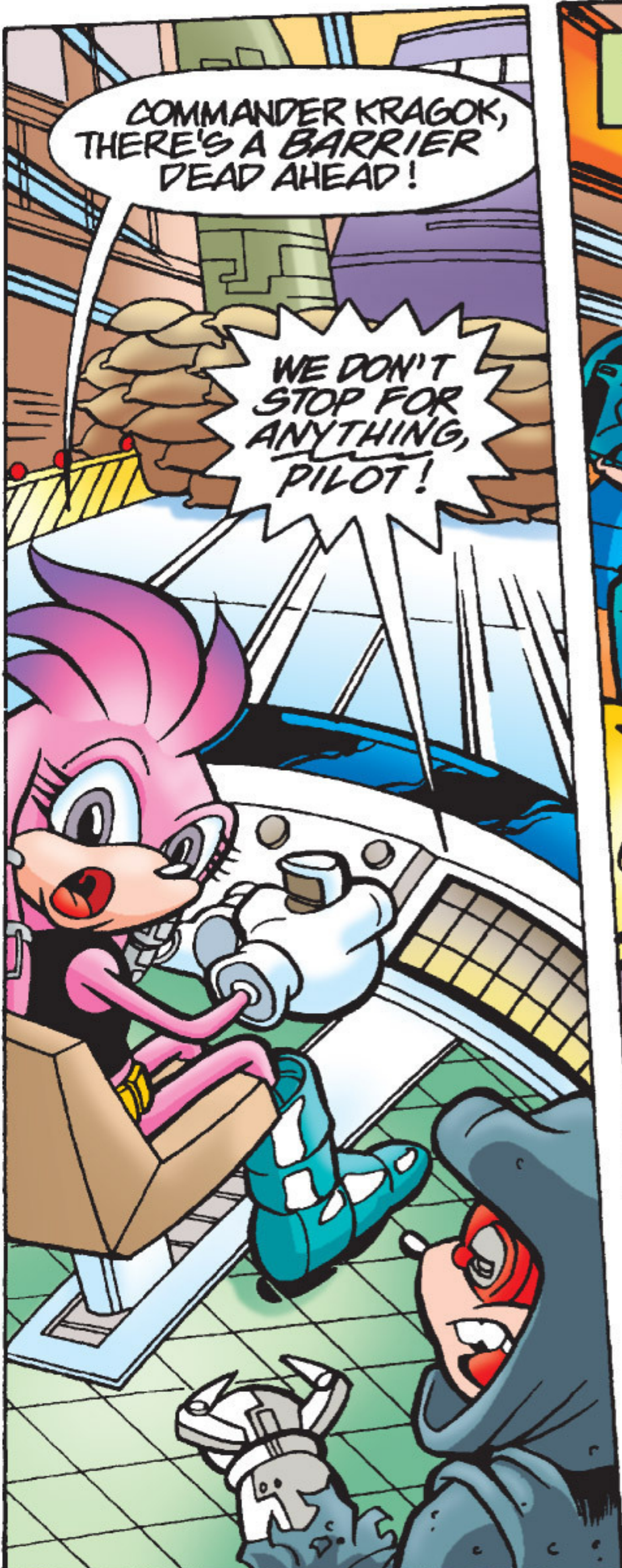




"NOT EVEN IF WE TRIED, CHARMY!"

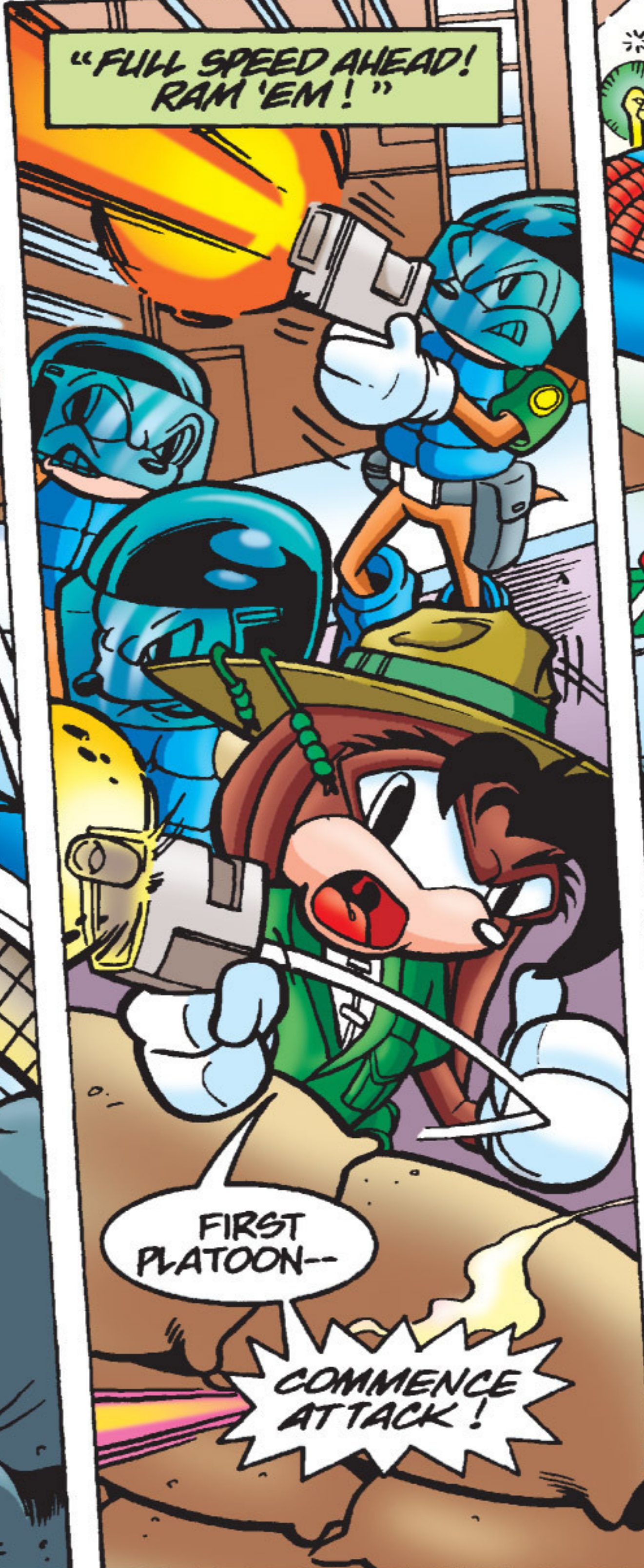
HIT 'EM HARD! HIT 'EM FAST!  
HIT 'EM WITH ALL YOU GOT!

**WE TAKE NO PRISONERS!**



COMMANDER KRAGOK,  
THERE'S A BARRIER  
DEAD AHEAD!

WE DON'T  
STOP FOR  
ANYTHING,  
PILOT!



"FULL SPEED AHEAD!  
RAM 'EM!"

FIRST  
PLATOON--

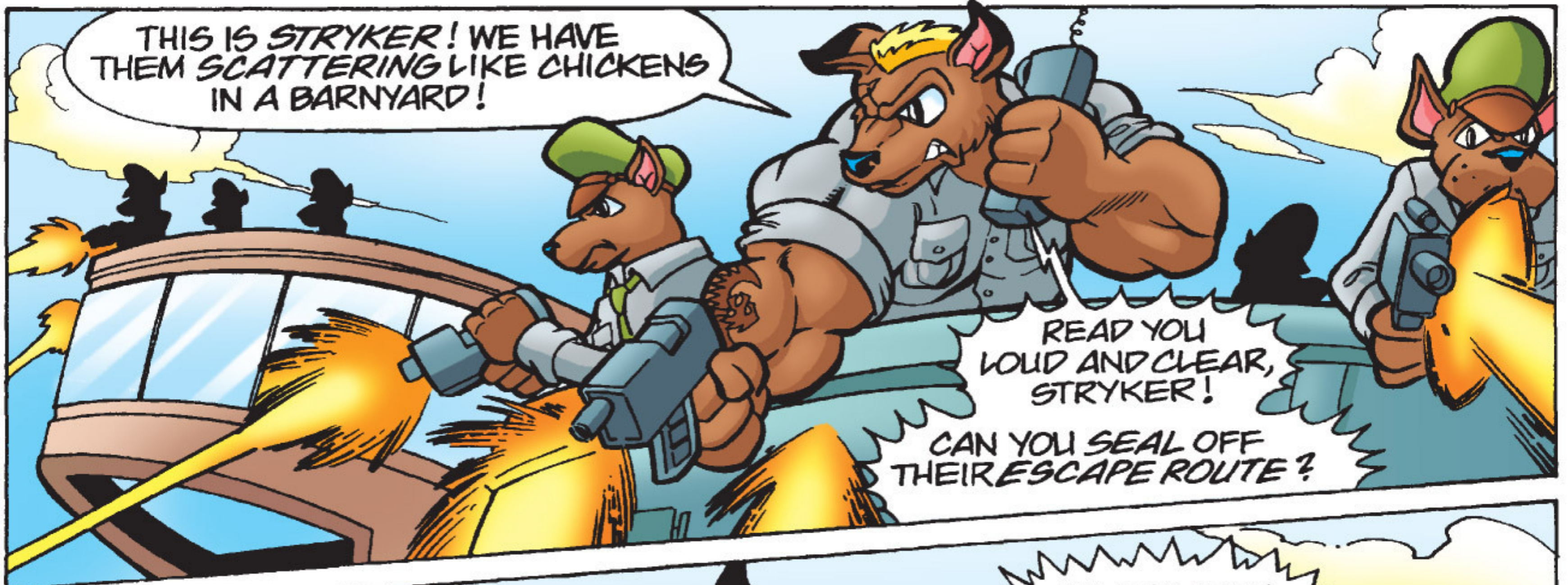
COMMENCE  
ATTACK!



THEY'RE ON  
THE ROOFTOPS,  
AS WELL!

BREAK  
FORMATION!

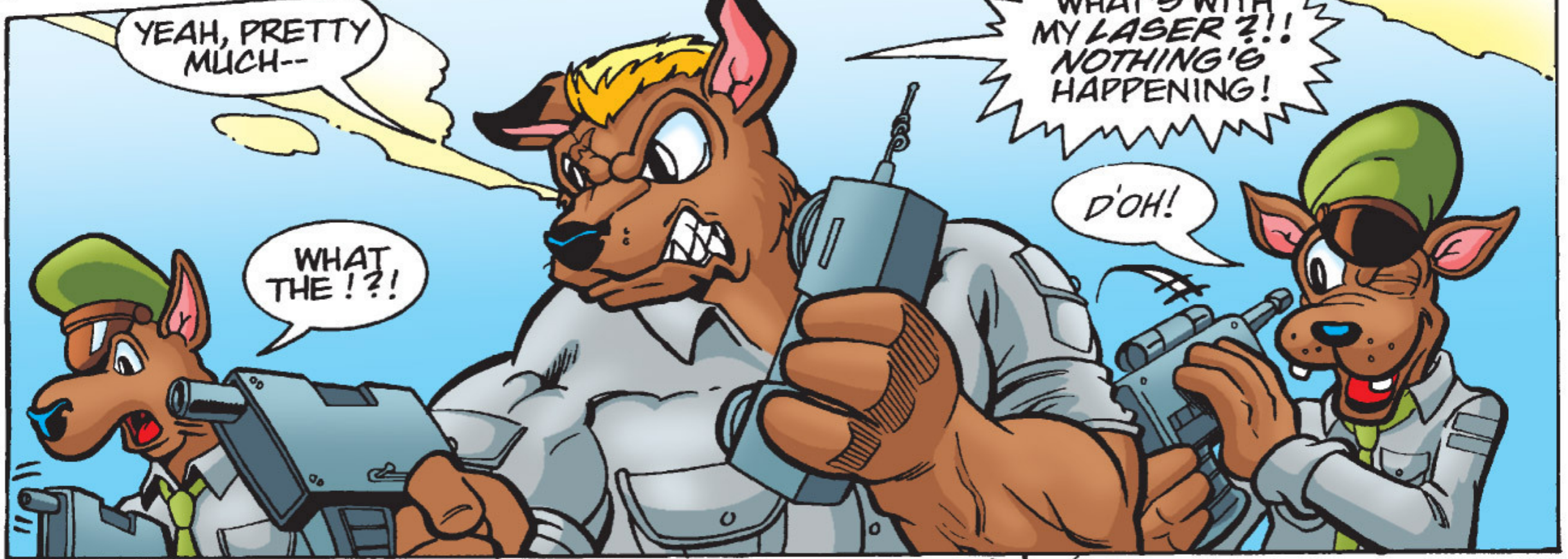




THIS IS STRYKER! WE HAVE THEM SCATTERING LIKE CHICKENS IN A BARNYARD!

READ YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, STRYKER!

CAN YOU SEAL OFF THEIR ESCAPE ROUTE?

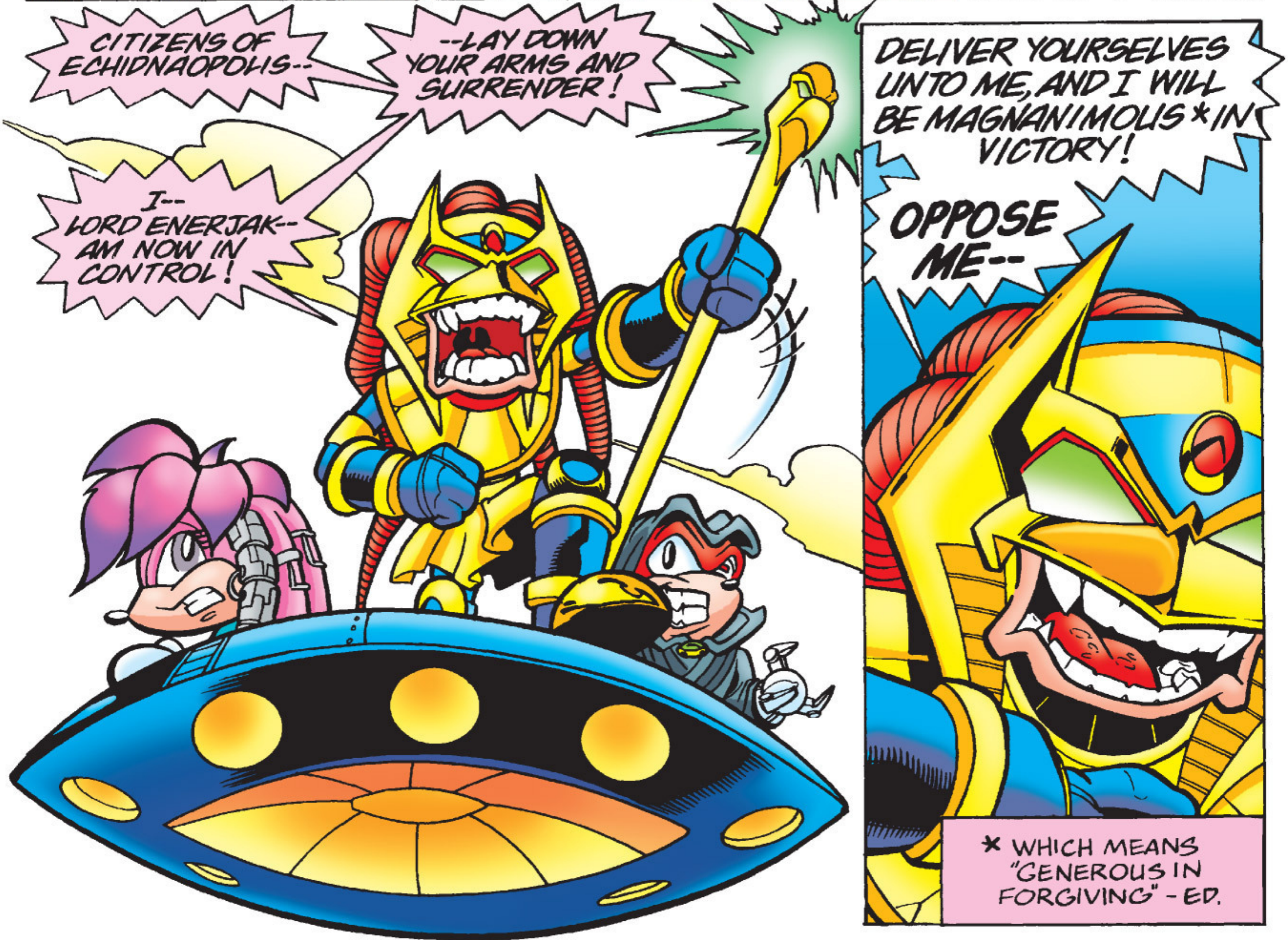


YEAH, PRETTY MUCH--

WHAT THE !?!

WHAT'S WITH MY LASER ?!! NOTHING'S HAPPENING!

D'OH!



CITIZENS OF ECHIDNAOPOLIS--

--LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS AND SURRENDER!

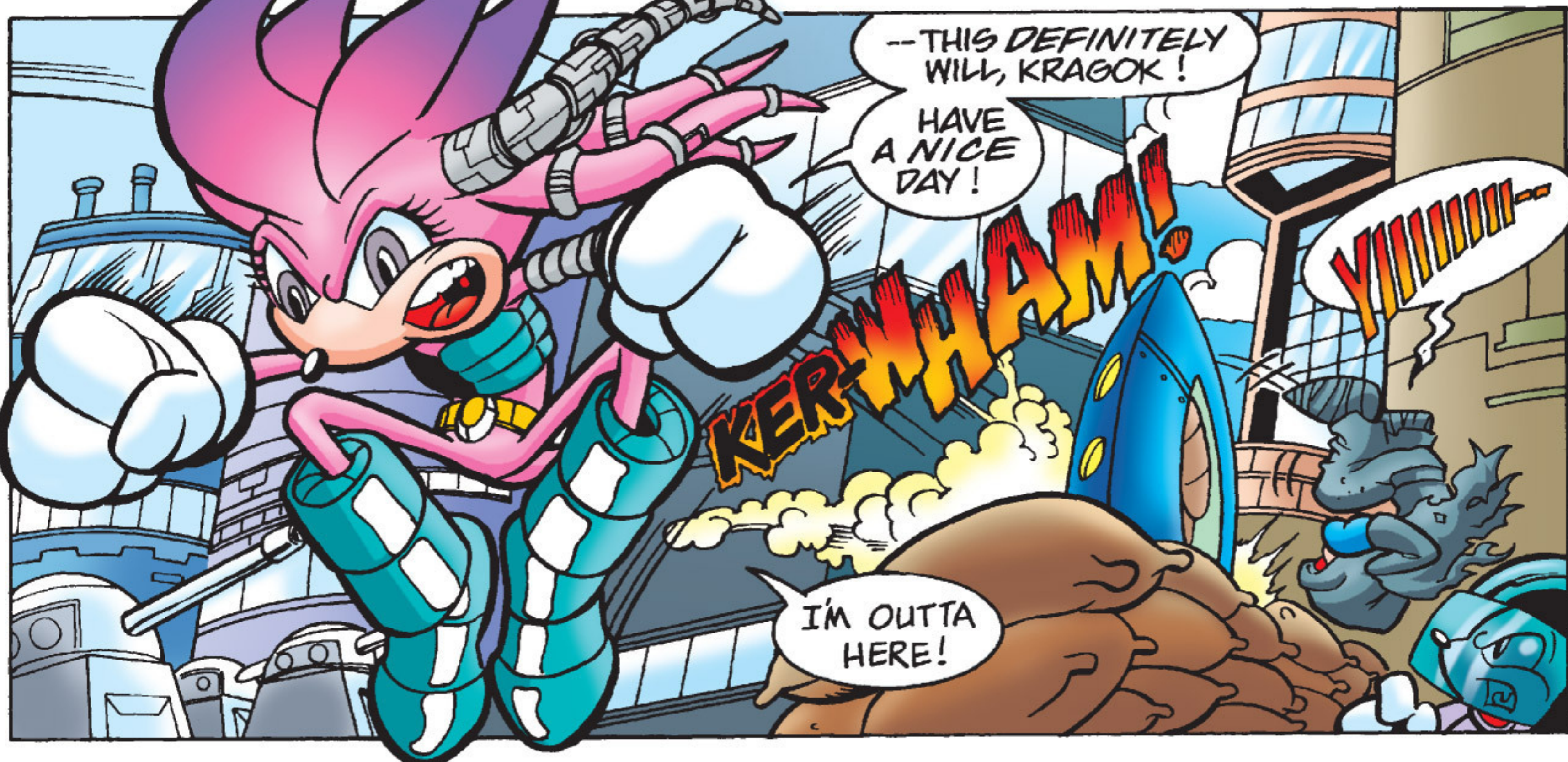
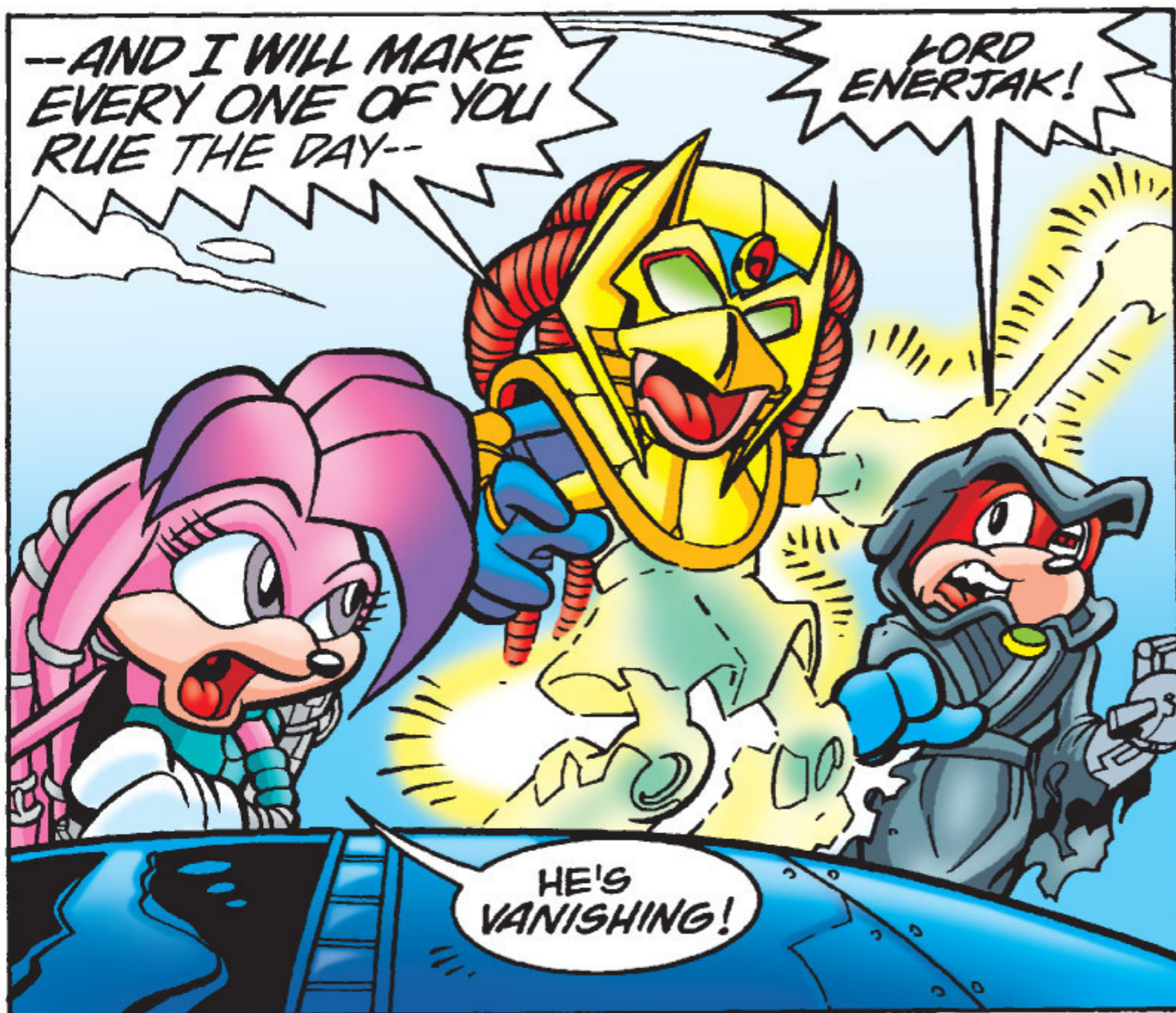
DELIVER YOURSELVES UNTO ME, AND I WILL BE MAGNANIMOLIS \* IN VICTORY!

I-- LORD ENERJAK-- AM NOW IN CONTROL!

OPPOSE ME--

\* WHICH MEANS "GENEROUS IN FORGIVING" - ED.





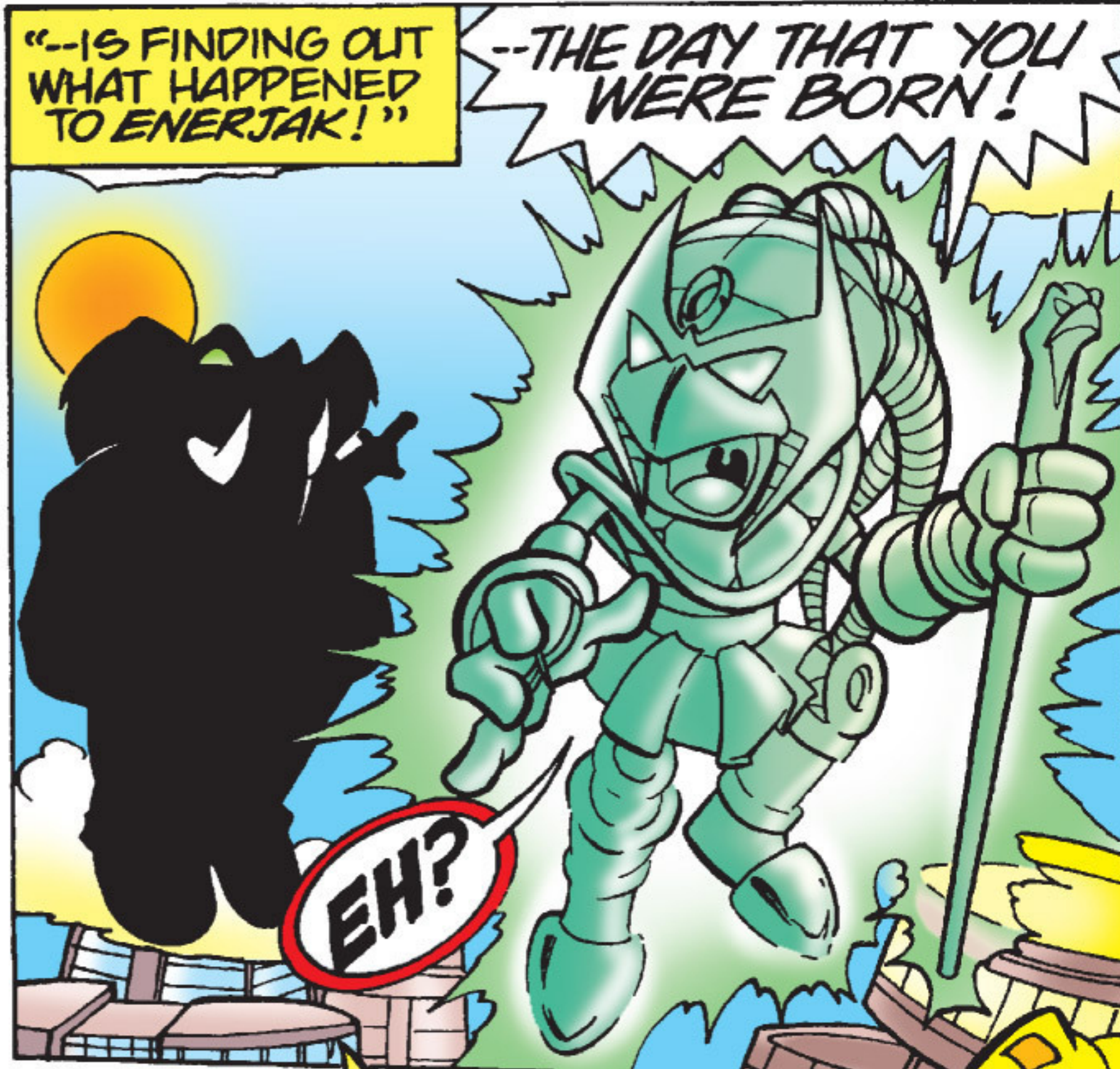




OOOH!

LIKE THAT  
LAST STEP WAS 5000  
"TRIPENDICULAR!"

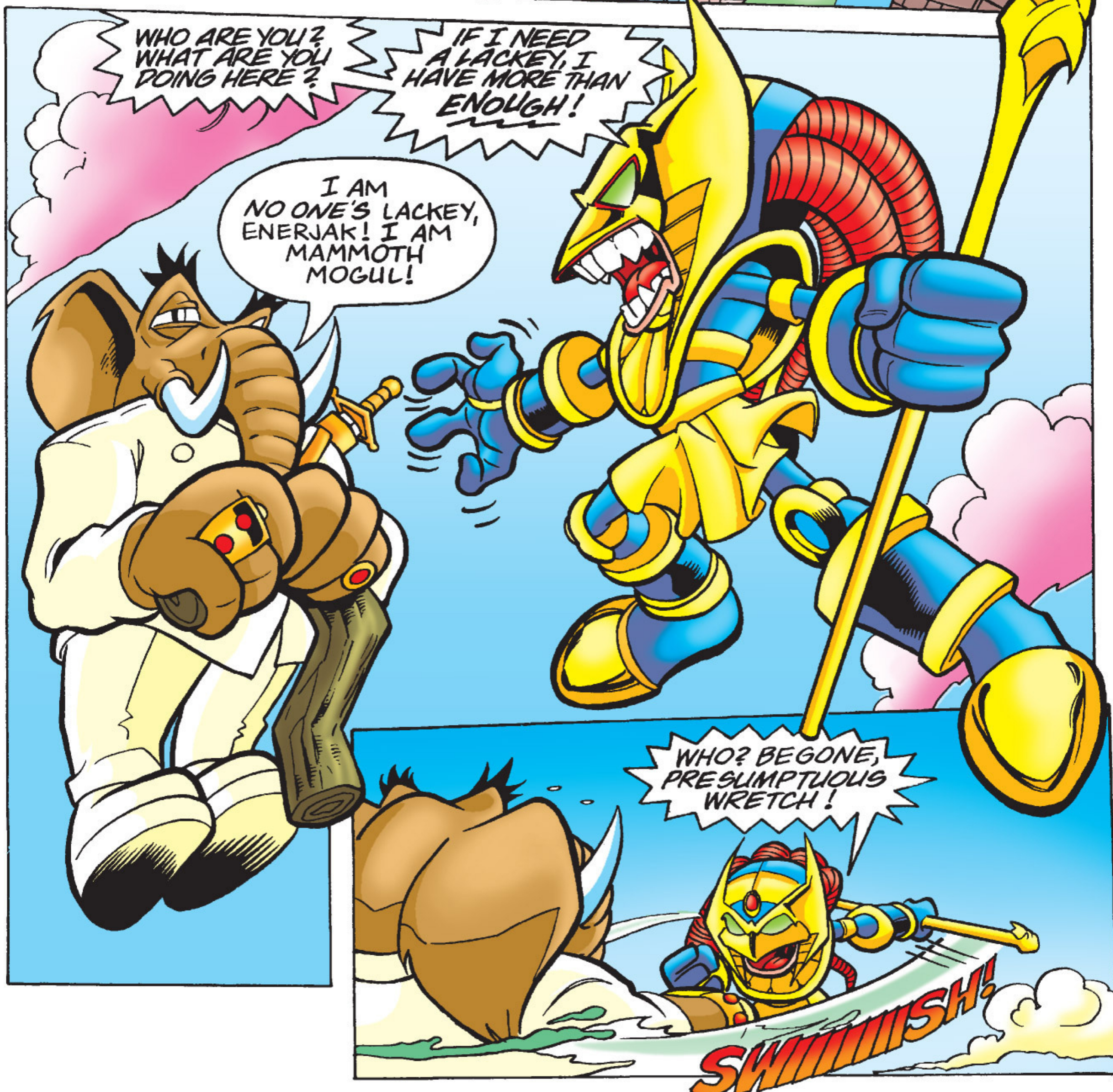
THE BIG  
CONCERN,  
THO'--



"--IS FINDING OUT  
WHAT HAPPENED  
TO ENERJAK!"

--THE DAY THAT YOU  
WERE BORN!

EH?



WHO ARE YOU?  
WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING HERE?

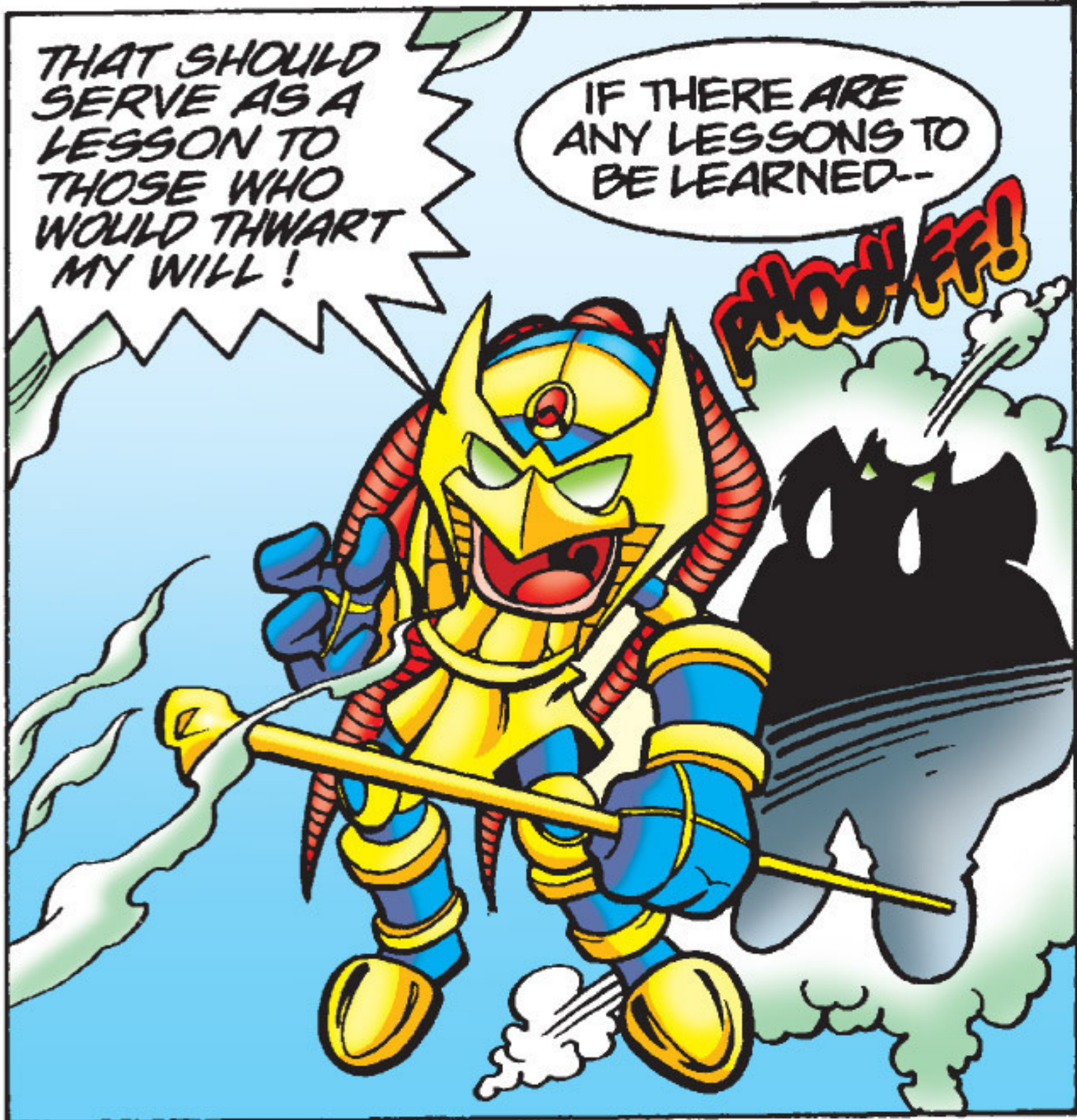
IF I NEED  
A LACKEY, I  
HAVE MORE THAN  
ENOUGH!

I AM  
NO ONE'S LACKEY,  
ENERJAK! I AM  
MAMMOTH  
MOGUL!

WHO? BEGONE,  
PRESUMPTUOUS  
WRETCH!

SWISH!





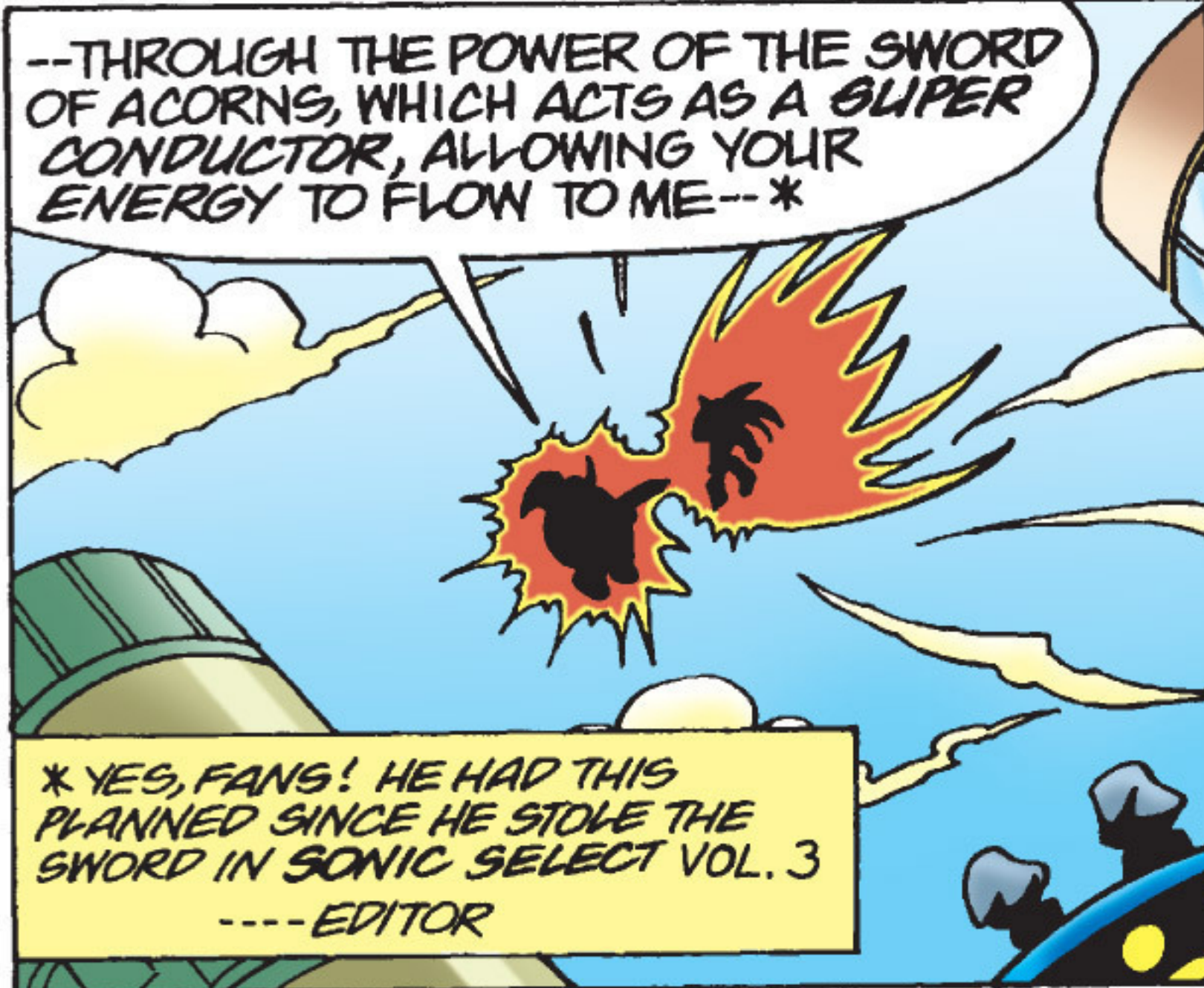
THAT SHOULD SERVE AS A LESSON TO THOSE WHO WOULD THWART MY WILL!

IF THERE ARE ANY LESSONS TO BE LEARNED--



--IT'S ONE YOU SO OBVIOUSLY FORGOT!

AS I BEGIN TO ABSORB THE INCALCULABLE POWER YOU POSSESS--



--THROUGH THE POWER OF THE SWORD OF ACORNS, WHICH ACTS AS A SUPER CONDUCTOR, ALLOWING YOUR ENERGY TO FLOW TO ME--\*

\* YES, FANS! HE HAD THIS PLANNED SINCE HE STOLE THE SWORD IN SONIC SELECT VOL. 3  
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--CONSIDER THIS--

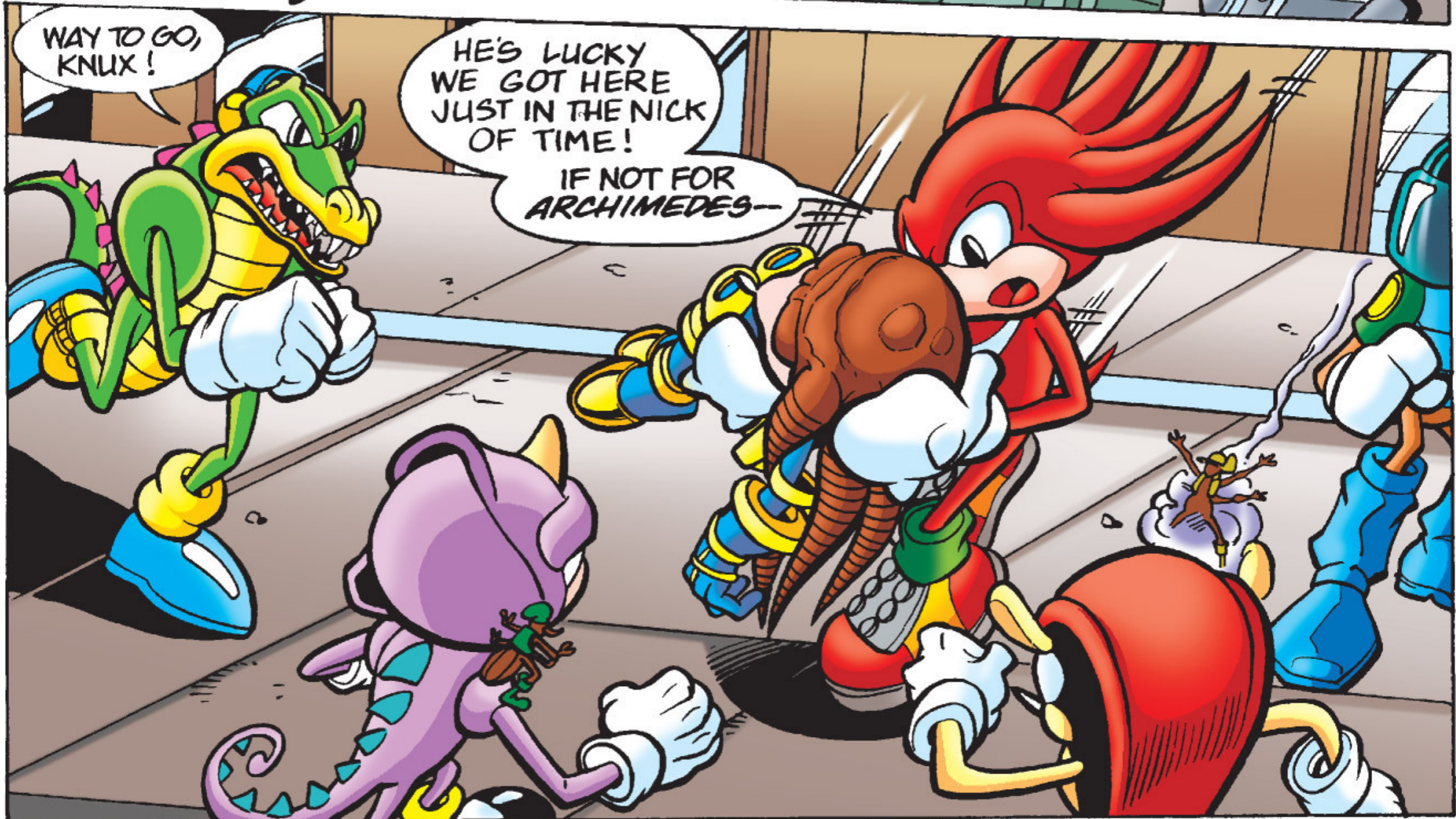
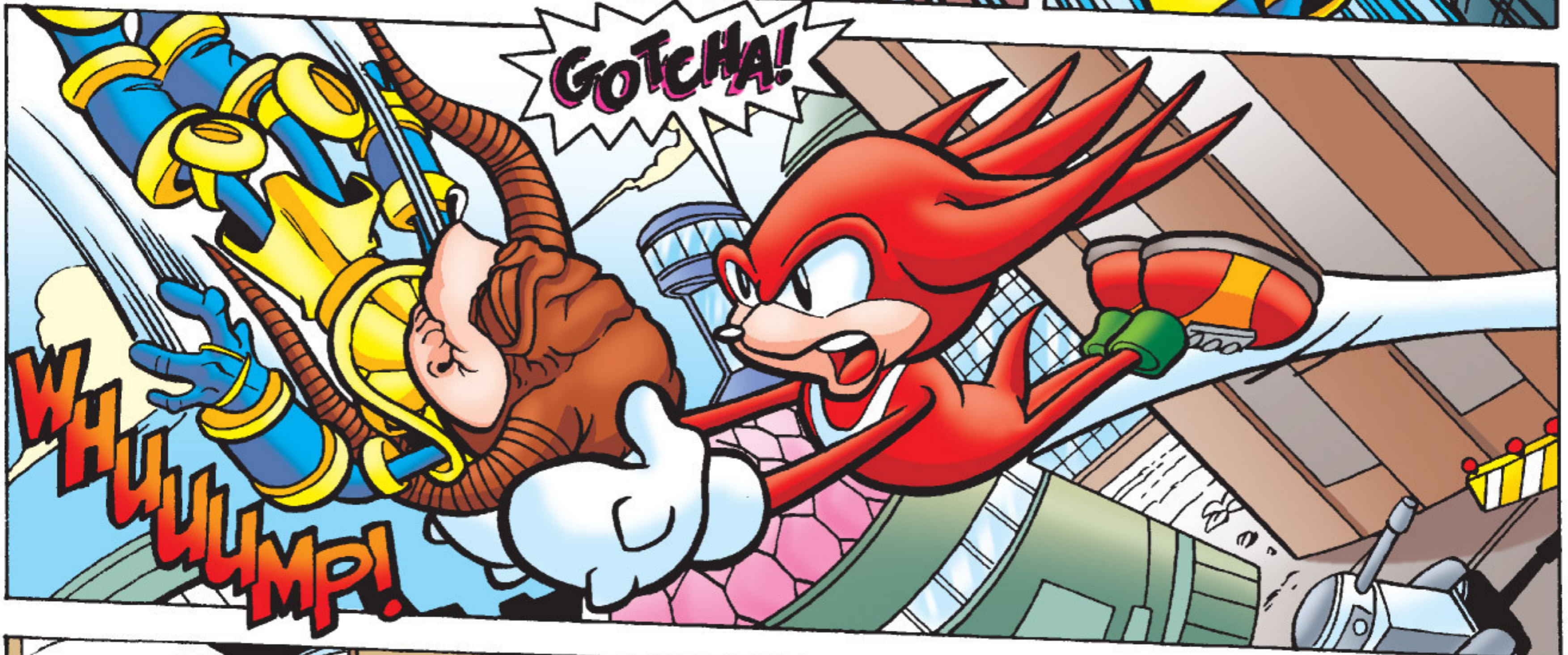
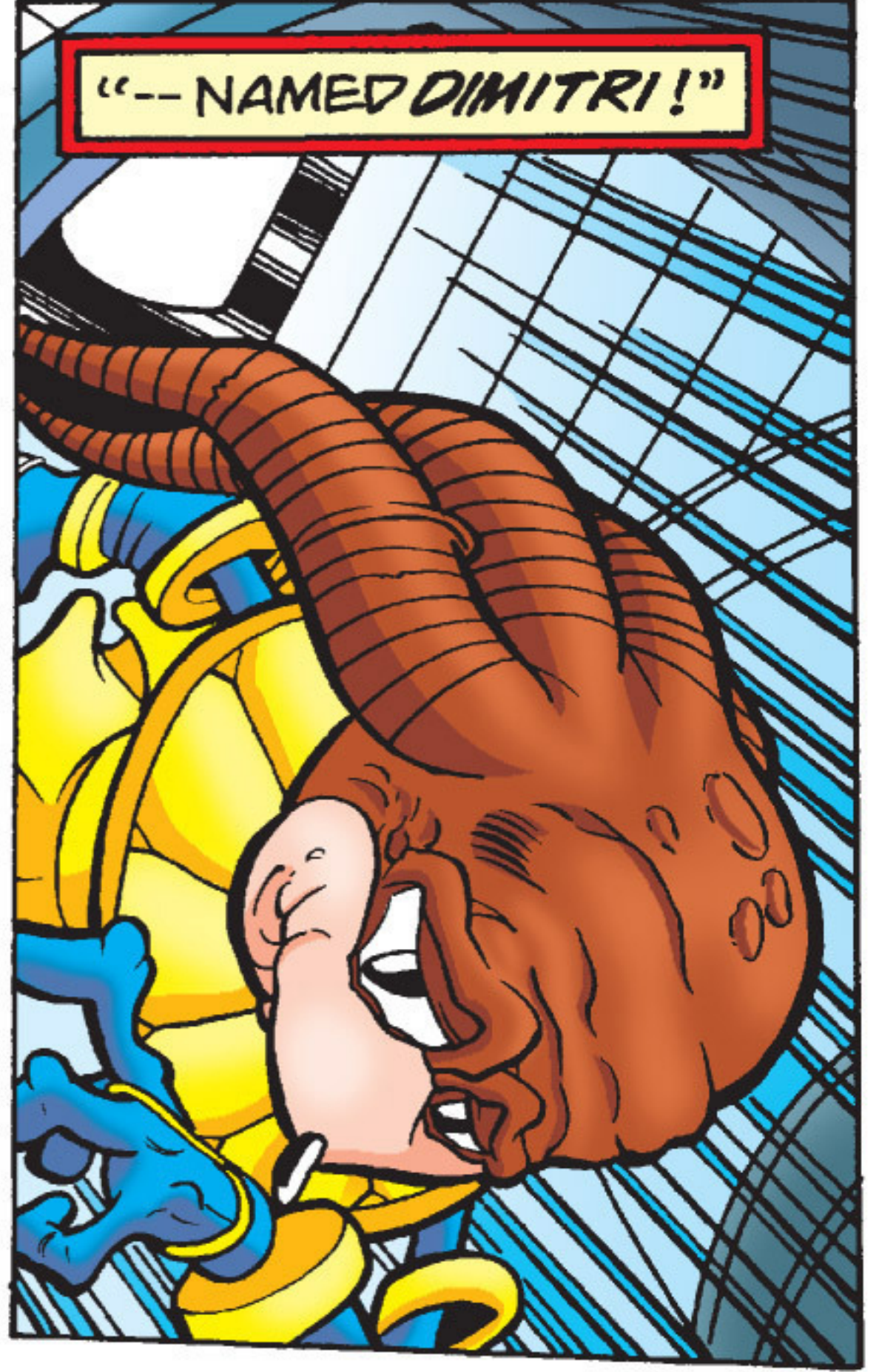
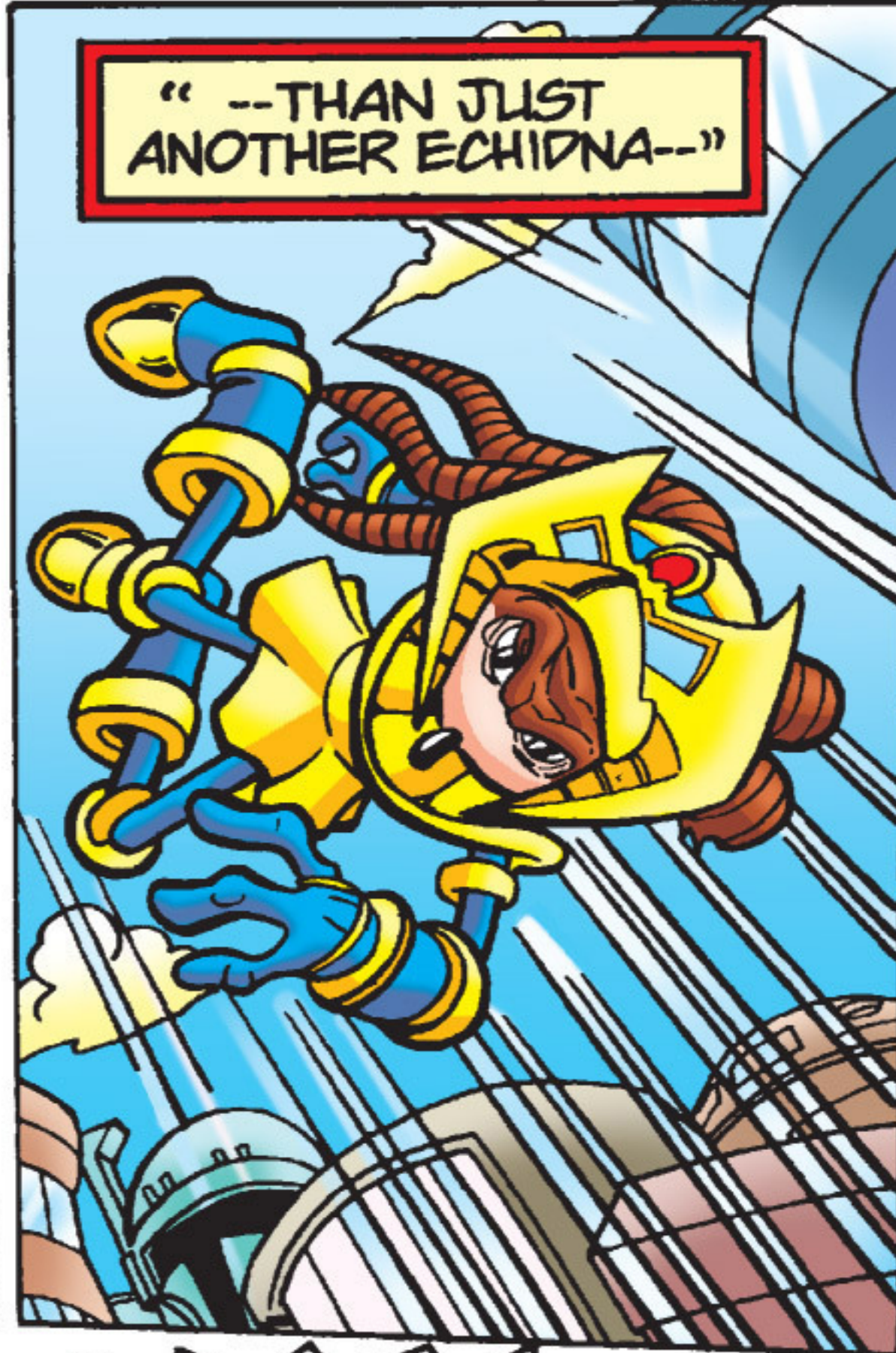
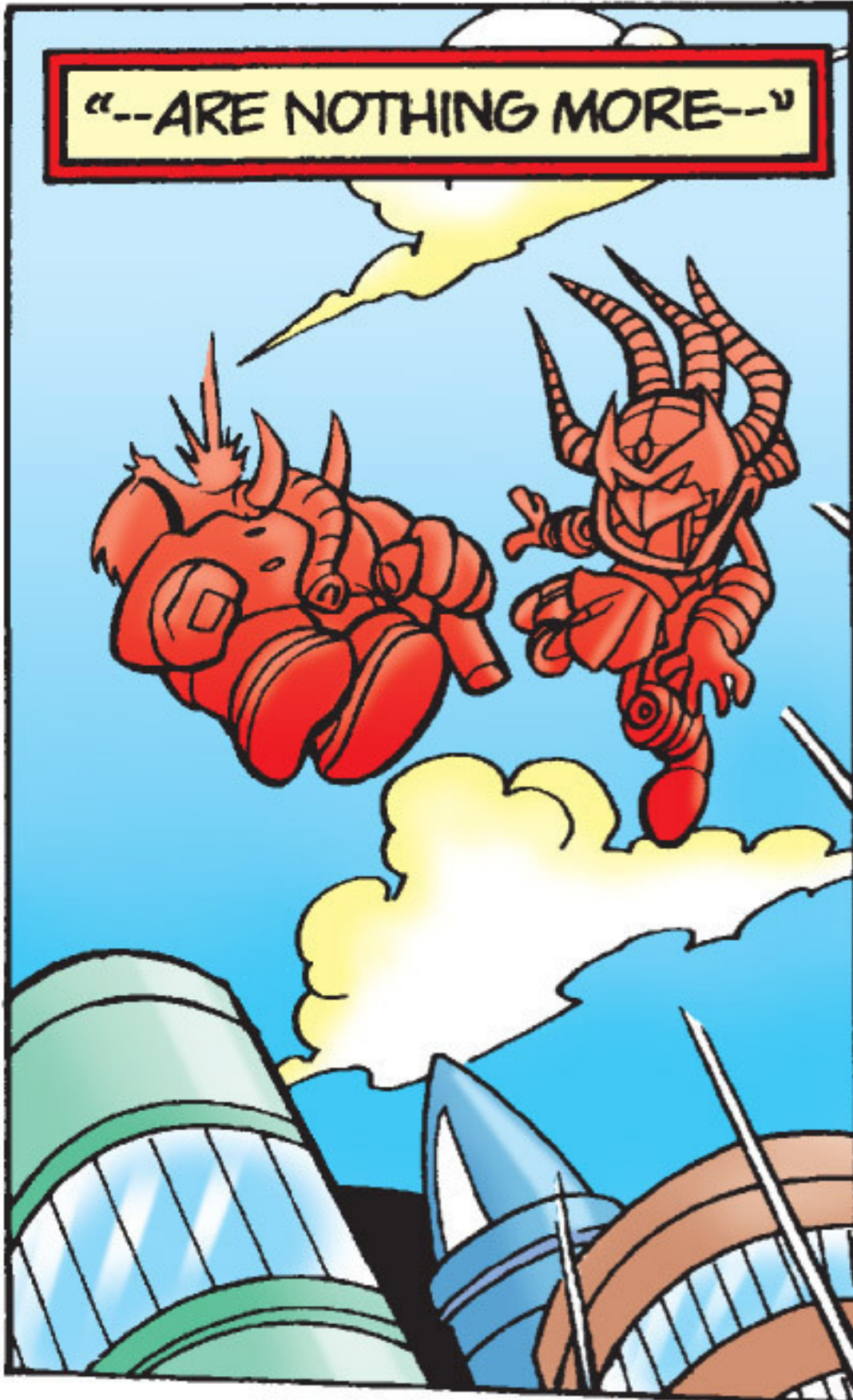
--THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS SMARTER, STRONGER AND EVEN MORE RUTHLESS THAN YOU.



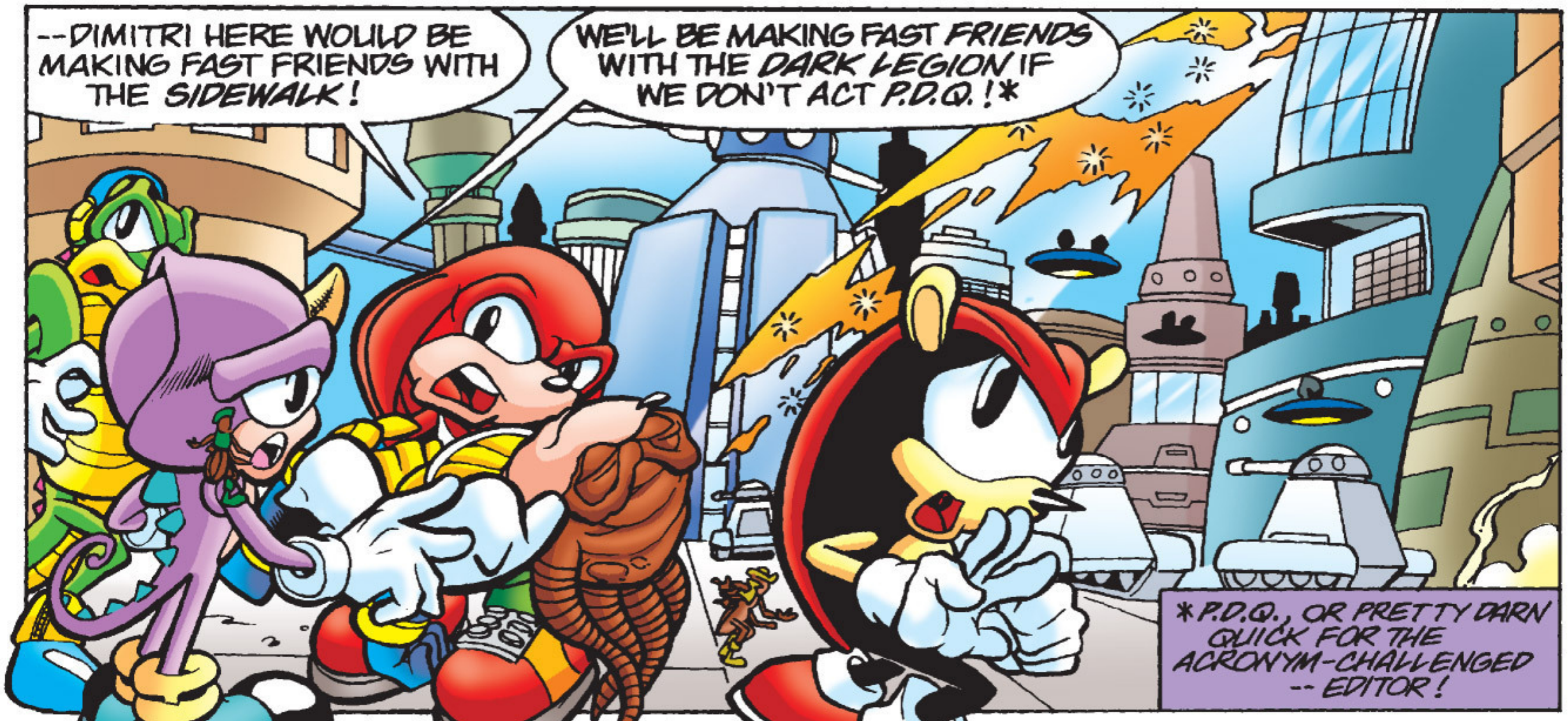
DUE TO MY SUPERIOR PATIENCE AND PLANNING, NOW I-- I-- AM THE POWER!

YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND--





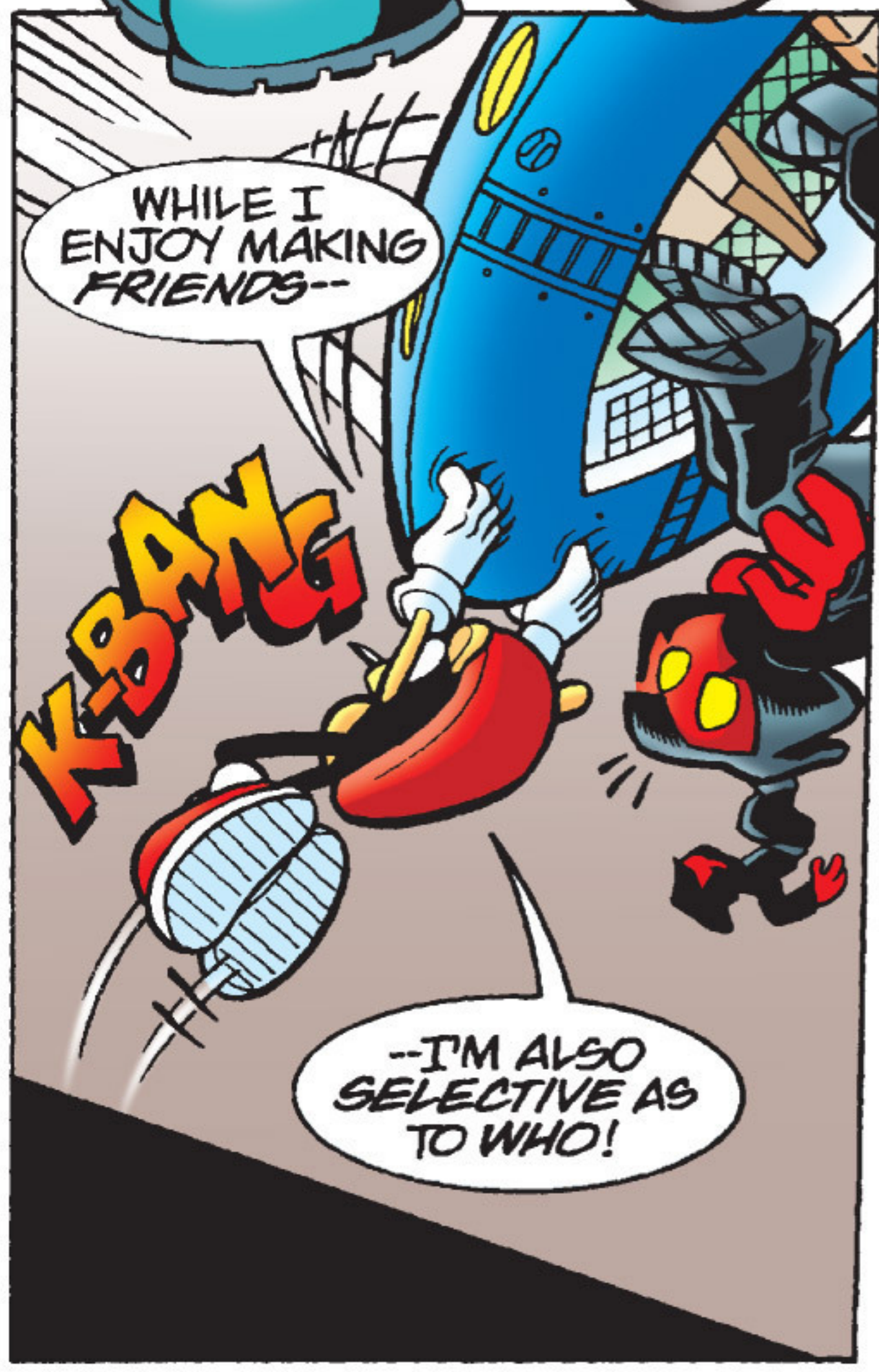




--DIMITRI HERE WOULD BE MAKING FAST FRIENDS WITH THE SIDEWALK!

WE'LL BE MAKING FAST FRIENDS WITH THE DARK LEGION IF WE DON'T ACT P.D.Q.!\*

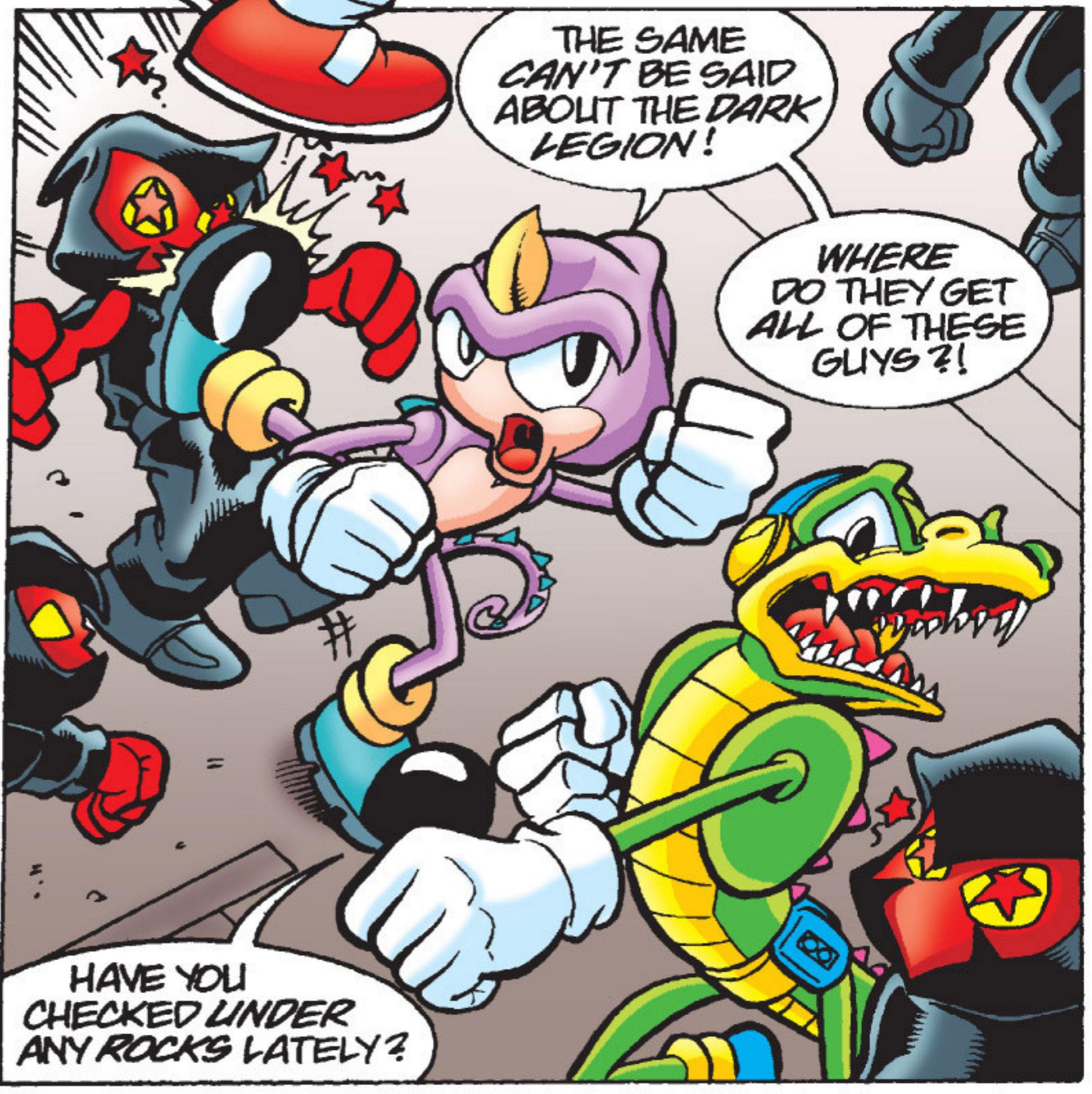
\*P.D.Q., OR PRETTY DARN QUICK FOR THE ACRONYM-CHALLENGED -- EDITOR!



WHILE I ENJOY MAKING FRIENDS--

**K-BANG**

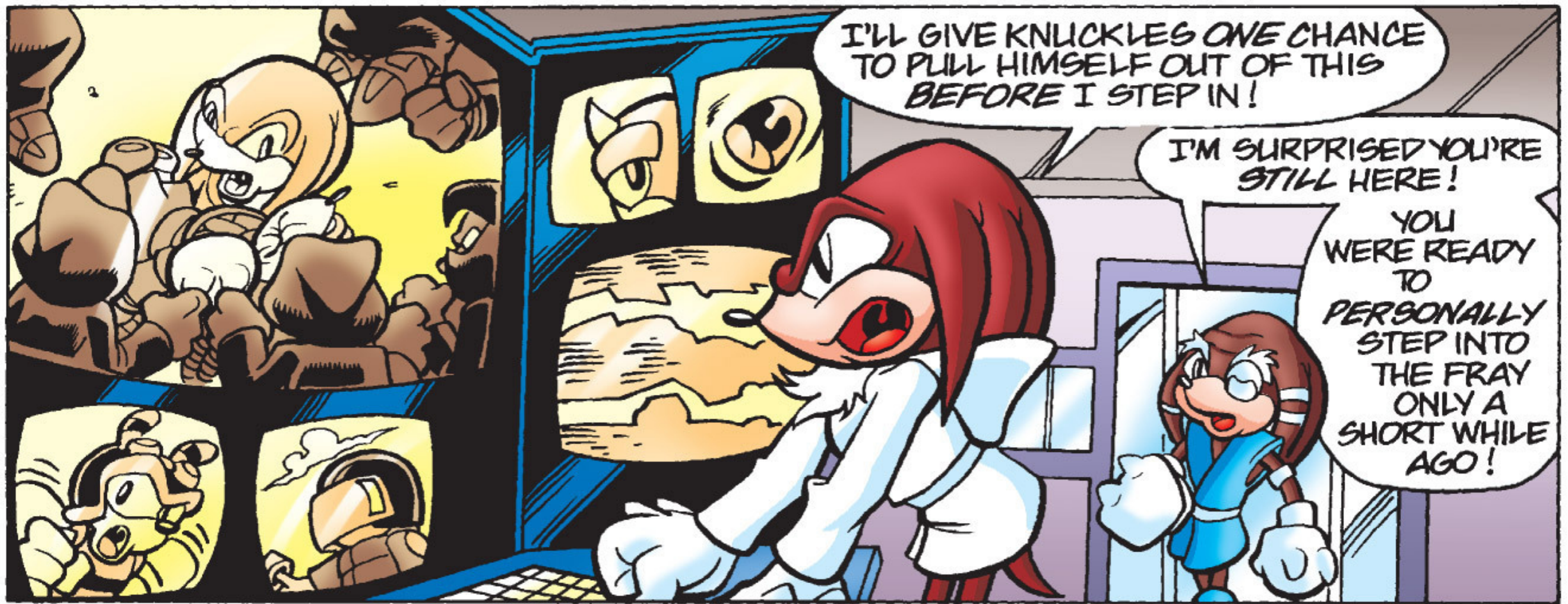
--I'M ALSO SELECTIVE AS TO WHO!



THE SAME CAN'T BE SAID ABOUT THE DARK LEGION!

WHERE DO THEY GET ALL OF THESE GUYS?!

HAVE YOU CHECKED UNDER ANY ROCKS LATELY?

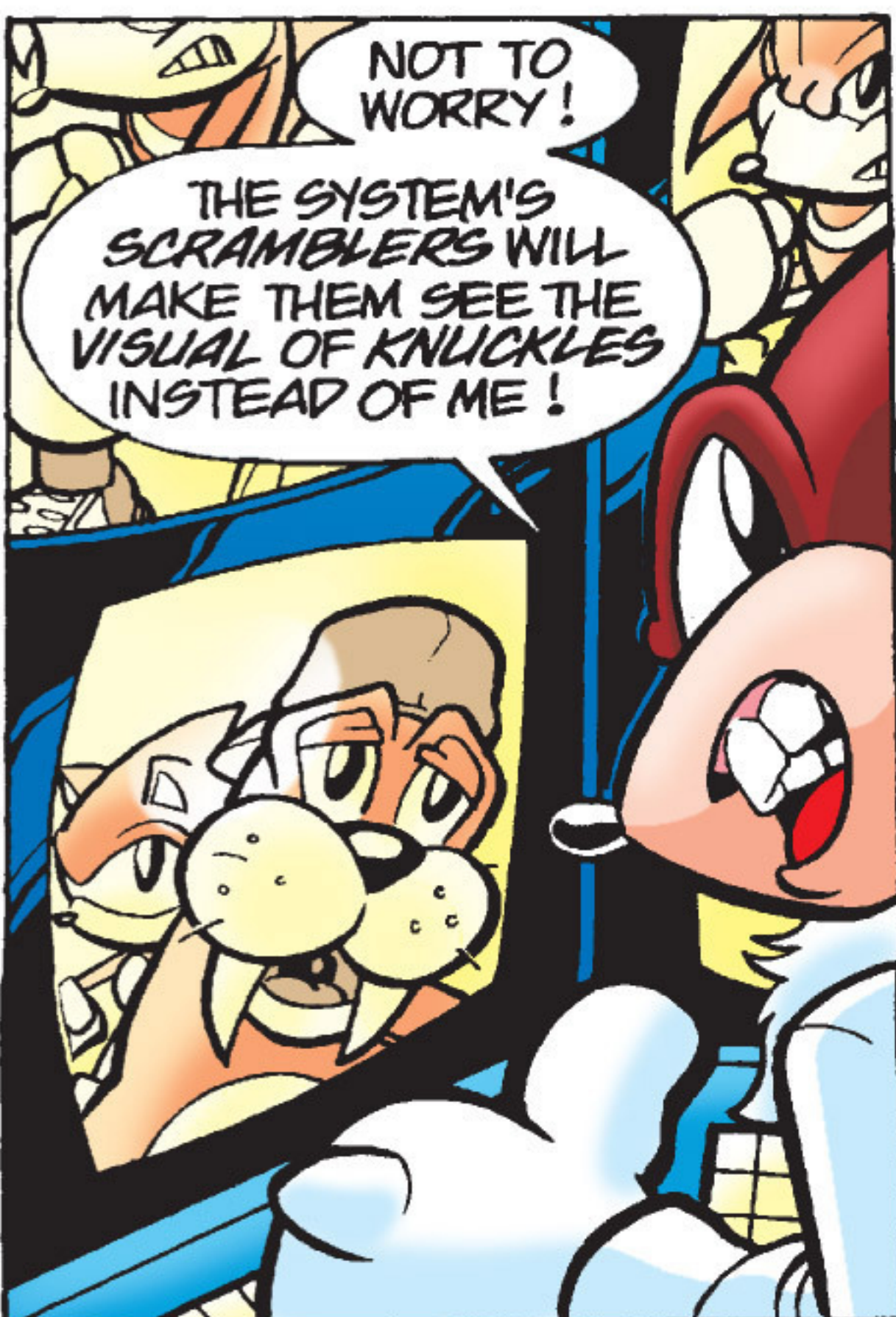
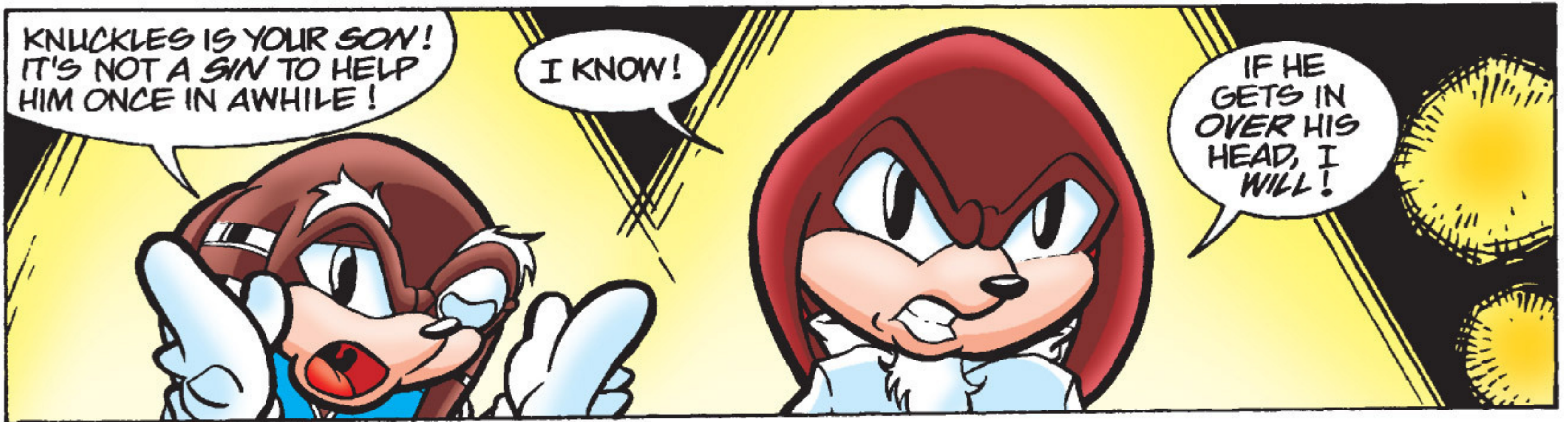
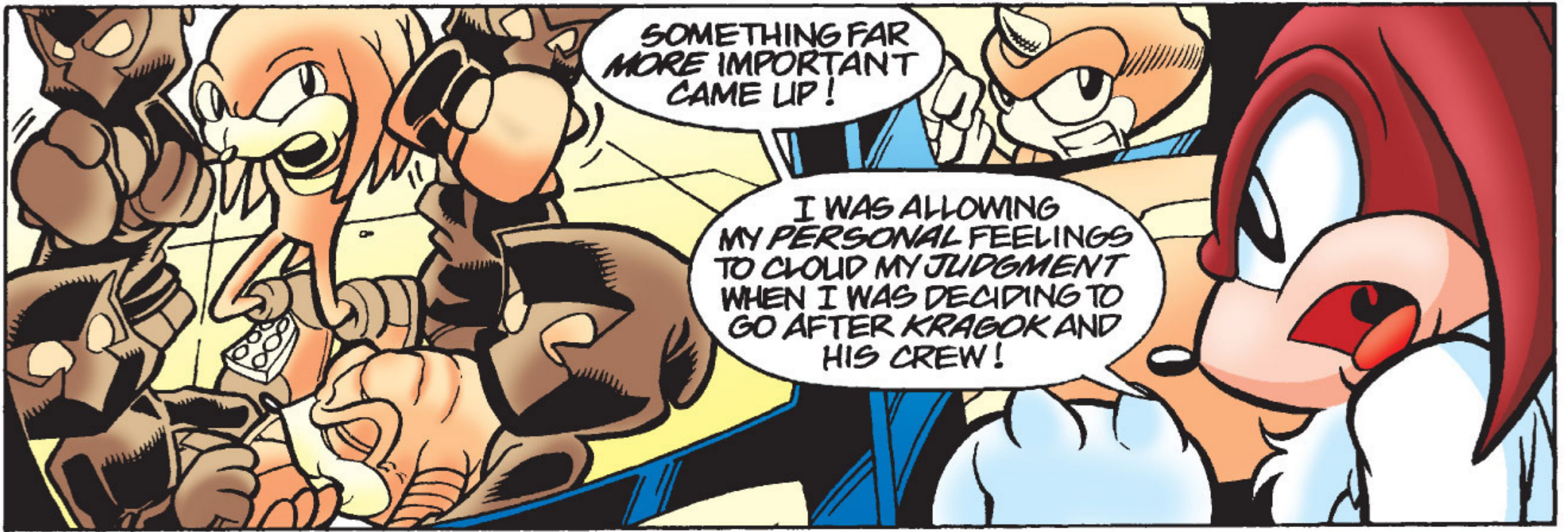


I'LL GIVE KNUCKLES ONE CHANCE TO PULL HIMSELF OUT OF THIS BEFORE I STEP IN!

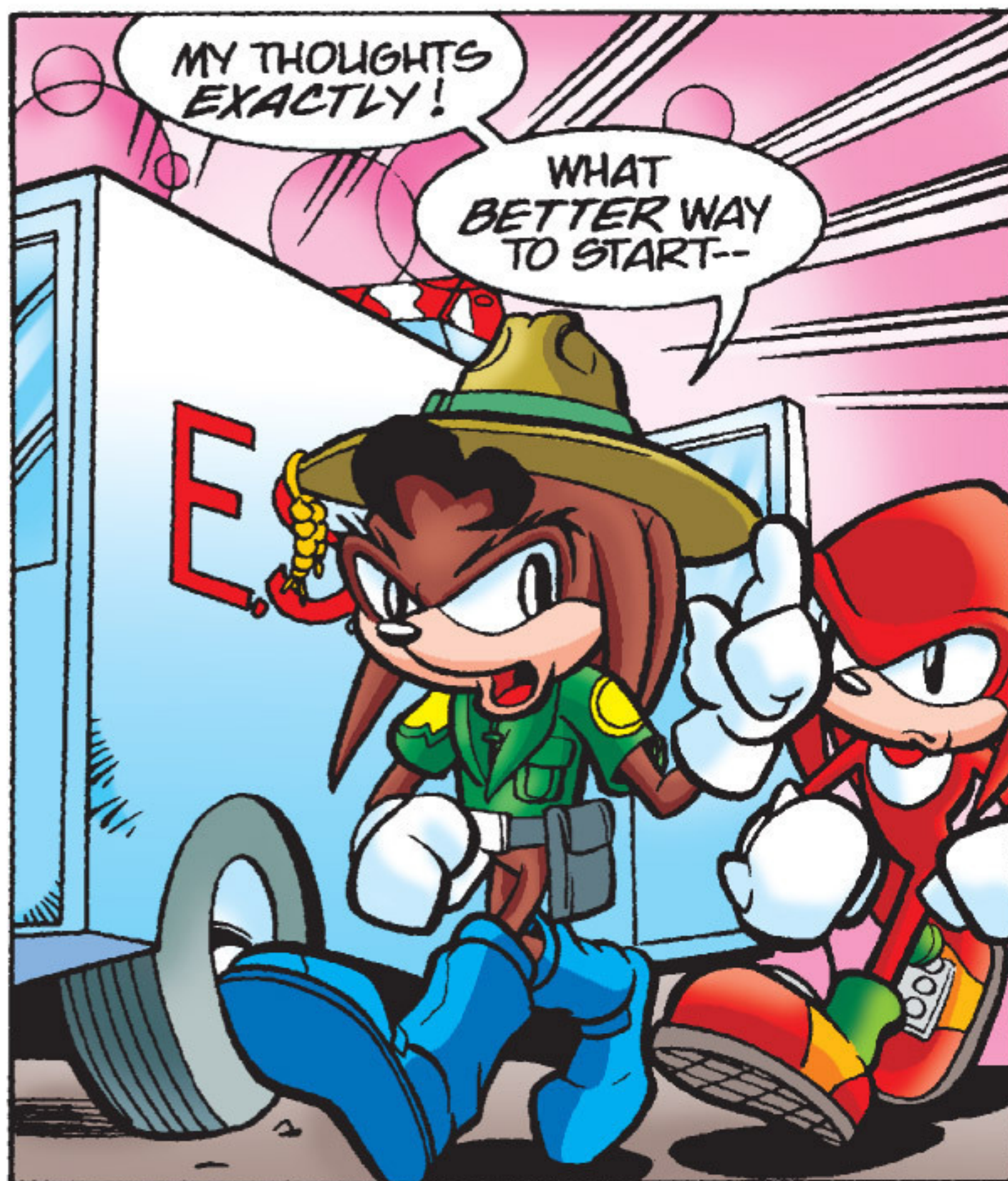
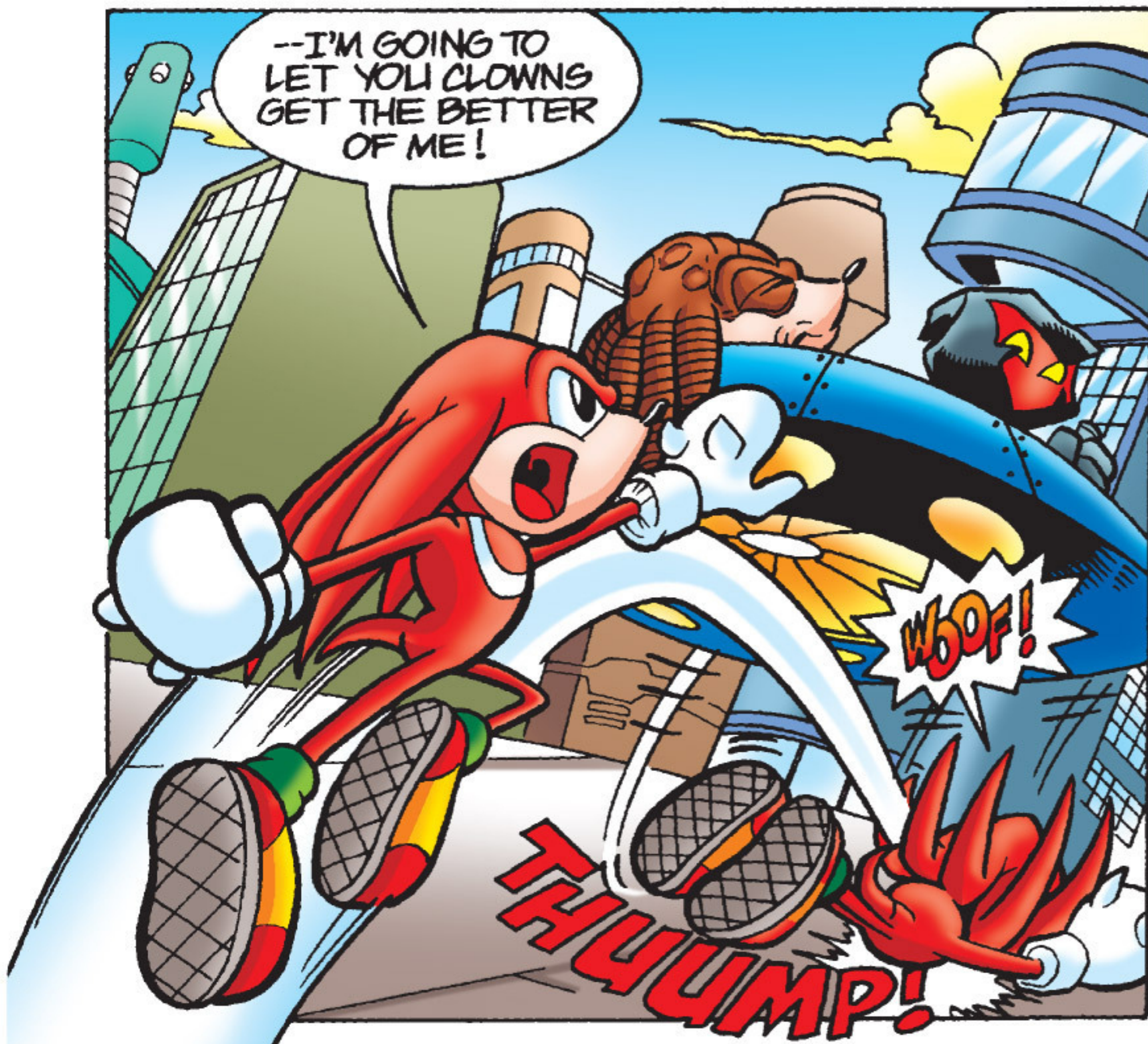
I'M SURPRISED YOU'RE STILL HERE!

YOU WERE READY TO PERSONALLY STEP INTO THE FRAY ONLY A SHORT WHILE AGO!

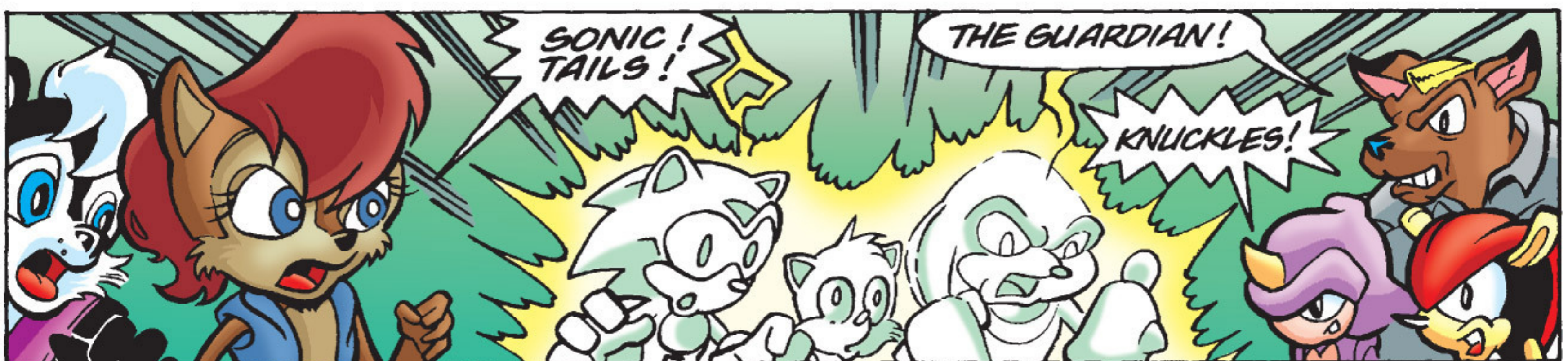
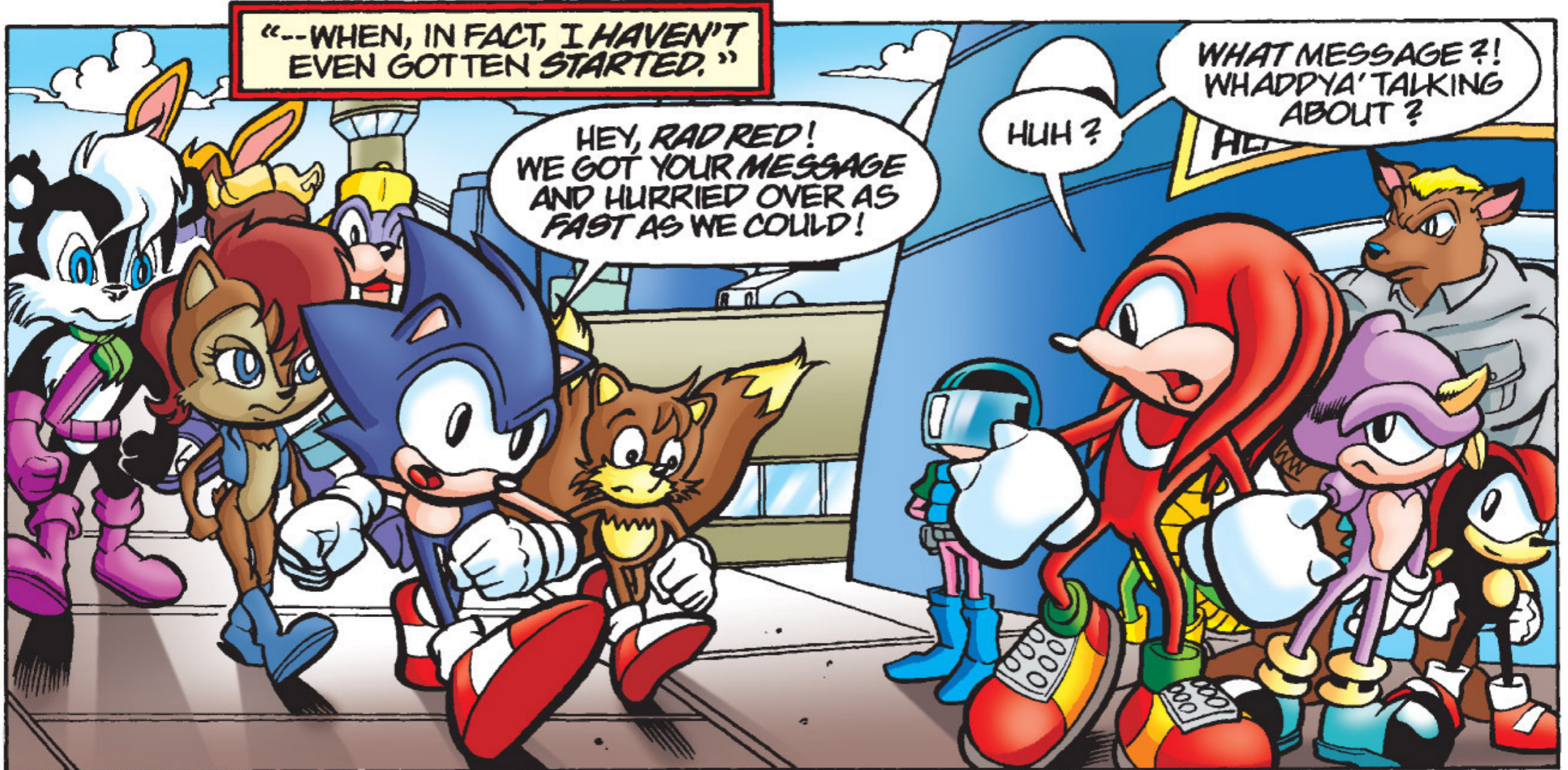
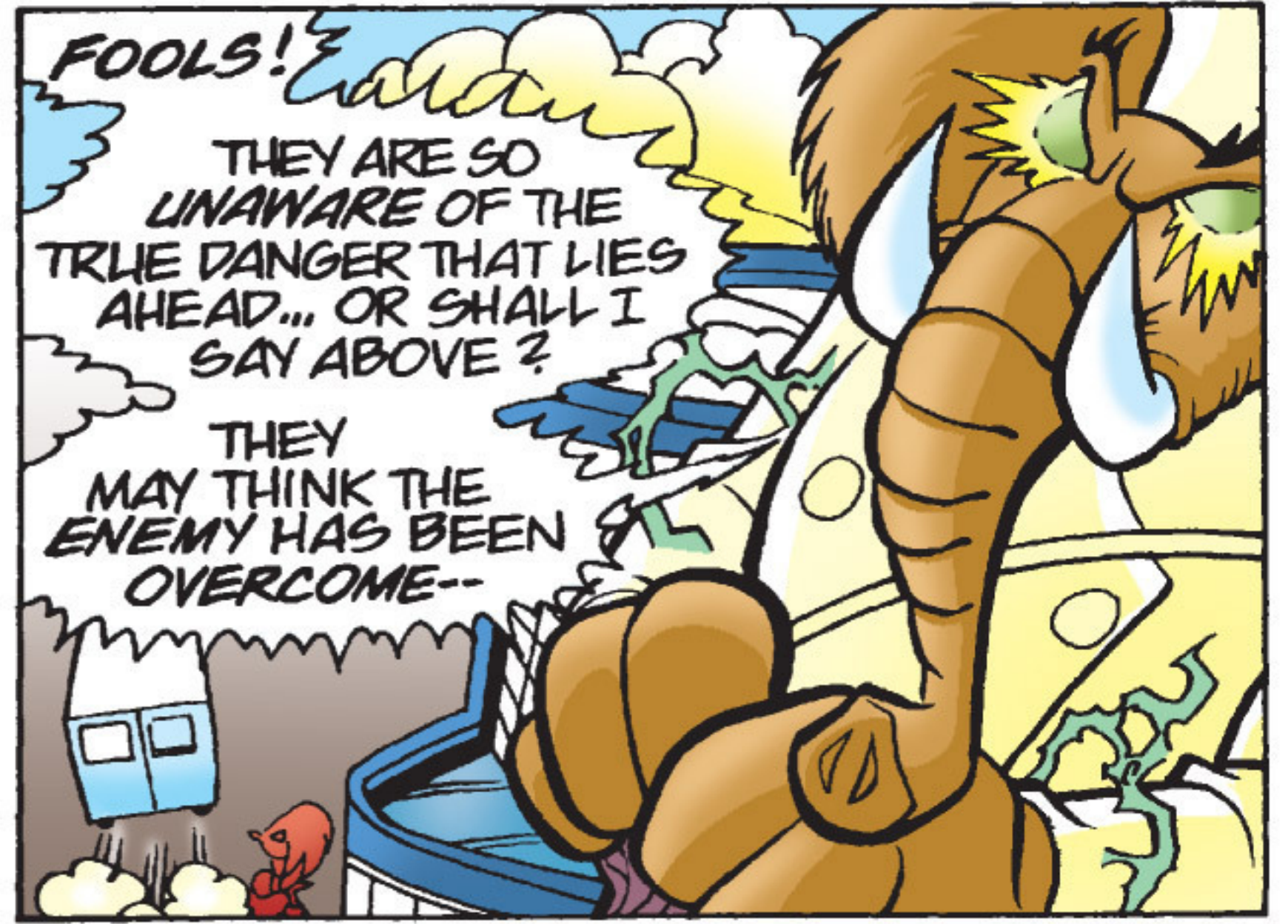
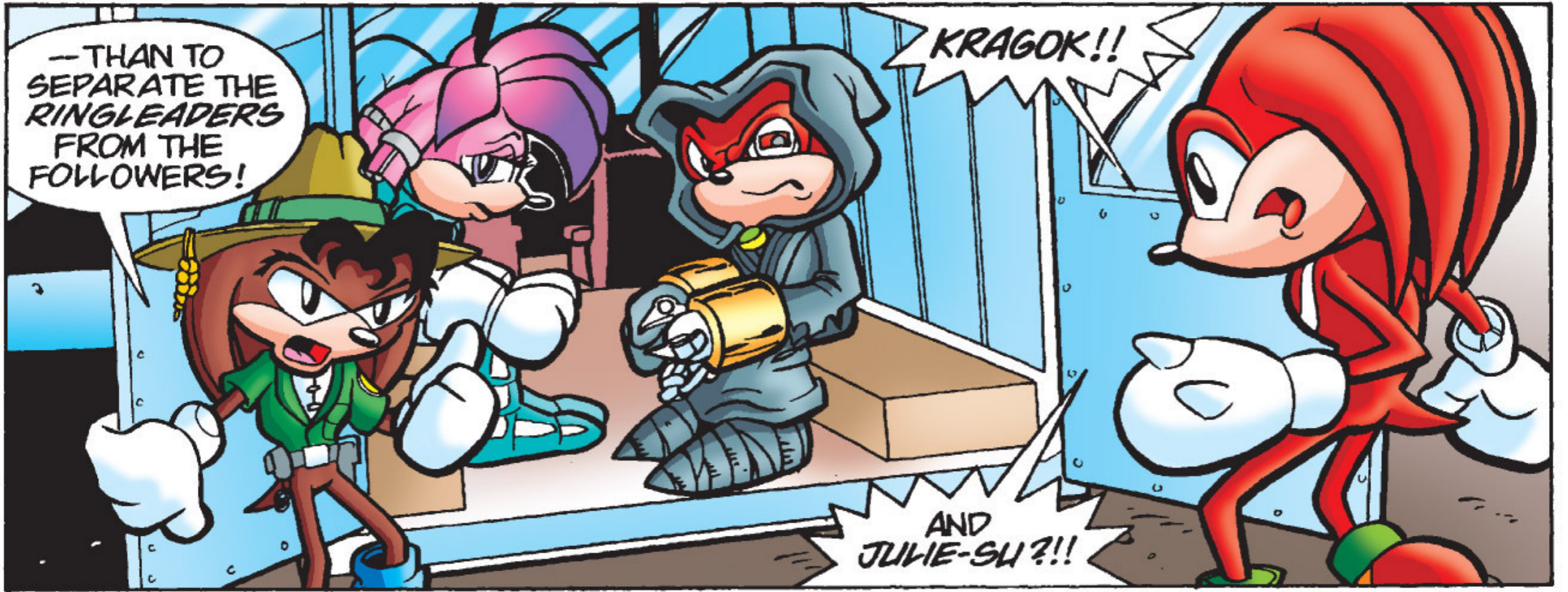














NOW DON'T YOU WORRY,  
CHILDREN, FOR YOUR  
TRUE LORD AND MASTER  
IS HERE!

SIMPLY  
WORSHIP THE  
GROUND I WALK  
ON--

--OR PLAN ON  
SPENDING THE REST  
OF YOUR DAYS IN  
ETERNAL PAIN AND  
SOLOITUDE!

ECHIDNA SECURITY  
HEADQUARTERS

THAT'S  
SOME CHOICE,  
MATE!

TO BE CONTINUED  
IN  
**SONIC**  
THE HEDGEHOG  
ARCHIVES VOLUME 15

